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Advisory Note

Sub: Advisory to Education Department including Govt. & Pvt. Schools for Prevention of Vector Borne Diseases.

Respected Madam/Sir,

Dengue, Malaria & Chikungunya are transmitted by bite of mosquitoes. Dengue transmission is posing a major public health challenge since there is no specific treatment against Dengue & Chikungunya. Prevention of mosquito breeding by source reduction is the only effective mean for prevention and control of these diseases. Aedes mosquito which transmits Dengue and Chikungunya is day biter and breeds mainly in artificial collection of clean water like desert coolers, overhead tanks, bird's pot, money plants pots etc. Unattended waste articles lying on roof top or in open area get filled with rain water and provide ideal place for breeding of Vector Mosquito. The transmission of Vector Borne Diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya has already started. Creating awareness regarding preventive measures is one of the components for prevention and control of vector borne diseases and school children are important target group for awareness campaign. From statistics, it is clear that children are more vulnerable and affected by these diseases. Education department is an important inter-sectoral partner for prevention of these diseases. This year because of covid pandemic and lock down situation in Delhi the domestic breeding checkers are not able to visit houses/institutions regularly to check mosquito breeding. Therefore, following advisory is issued to all Govt. & Pvt. Schools for implementations.

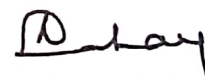
1. Message during morning assembly:

The message should be read out during morning assembly time once schools open. The message should include information regarding transmission of Dengue fever, symptoms and preventive measures to be taken.

- a) All overhead and other water tanks/containers are kept properly covered with lid and overflow pipe/air vent are covered with wire mesh/cloth. In case of missing/broken lids matter may be taken up with Engineering Department on priority.

- b) All coolers should be scrubbed and cleaned once a week and mopped dry before refilling water.
 - c) In coolers that cannot be emptied, put one tablespoon of Petrol/Diesel.
 - d) Zonal DHOs/ Concerned Malaria Circle incharge may be contacted for any help regarding control of mosquito breeding.
 - e) Collection of stagnant water should not be allowed inside school premises. if same does take place a little quantity of petrol/diesel may be put in such stagnant water collection.
2. Once schools open Quiz, Drawing Competition and Rallies of School Children must be organized to raise community awareness.
 3. Under source reduction, school children must be taken around school premises during games period for removal of any waste article e.g. un-used/broken bottles, plastic cups, pots and tyres etc. in school premises.
 4. When schools open, the school children be asked to wear full sleeve uniform to prevent mosquito bite in school and wear full sleeve clothes in morning and evening time to prevent mosquito bite during season. Use mosquito repellent, install mesh doors, windows in homes to prevent mosquito bite and use mosquito net while sleeping.
 5. Once schools open distribution of Dengue Home Work Card to the students and regular monitoring of use of Dengue Home Work Card by Teachers should be ensured that all rows and column in the cards are filled up properly by the students.
 6. Nodal Teachers must be designated in all the schools. They should be made responsible for implementation of activities pertaining to prevention and control of Vector Borne Disease. Nodal Teachers must ensure and he/she should coordinate with Malaria Field Staff as well as staff of the school for implementing above advisory and keep the school premises free from mosquito breeding.

Message regarding prevention and control of Dengue, Malaria and Chikungunya should be given during online classes. Do's and Do`not on control of these diseases along-with handbills are en-closed. The same should be told to children by teachers during online classes.



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Addl. Commissioner (Health)

Copy to:

1. Director(PE),SDMC
2. Director(Education),GNCTD With request to issue Necessary advisory to schools under GNCTD.
3. All DHOs of the zone.

Copy for information to:

1. Ps to Commissioner, SDMC