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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND SAFETY GUIDELINES ON HAZE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor SGOD and CID
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All other concerned

1. Pursuant to the Provincial Memorandum Public Health Advisory and Local Government Unit (LGU) Response to Air Quality Situation, the Schools Division Office of Iriga City reminds all schools to implement appropriate precautionary measures to protect learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and other stakeholders from the possible health effects of Haze.

2. Haze refers to polluted or contaminated air containing fine particles that may come from smoke, ash, and other sources. Exposure to haze may cause difficulty in breathing, coughing, chest discomfort, eye irritation or watering, nasal irritation, and may aggravate respiratory conditions such as asthma.

3. In view of this, all schools are hereby advised to observe precautionary measures per attached Provincial Memorandum dated September 1, 2026 and DOH infographics.

4. All concerned are expected to comply with these precautionary measures and ensure the safety and well-being of the school community.

5. For guidance and wide dissemination.

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Officer-in-Charge, Schools Division Superintendent



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SPRINGS**

Sa Serbisang Tapat at Maagap,
Edukasyon ay Dekalidad!



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THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR

MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES/LDRRMC CHAIRPERSONS
CITY/MUNICIPAL DRRM OFFICES
PUNONG BARANGAYS/BDRRMC CHAIRPERSONS
PDRRMC AGENCIES
GENERAL PUBLIC

FROM : THE PDRRMC SECRETARIAT

SUBJECT : PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU)
RESPONSE TO AIR QUALITY SITUATION

DATE : SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) of Camarines Sur is closely monitoring the prevailing air quality situation and its potential effects on the health and safety of communities throughout the province.

Recent monitoring data from the DENR – Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region V's Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station located within the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA) premises indicate elevated levels of fine particulate matter in the air. **From August 31 to September 1, 2026, the monitoring station recorded PM2.5 Air Quality Index (AQI) values within the "Very Unhealthy" category. PM2.5 refers to very fine particles commonly associated with smoke, vehicle exhaust, and burning or other combustion activities, while PM10 refers to larger inhalable particles commonly associated with road and soil dust, construction activities, pollen, and larger smoke particles. In comparison, PM10 readings remained within the "Fair" category.**

While the monitoring data provide an indication of the prevailing air quality in the area, conditions may vary across locations and over time. All concerned are therefore directed to monitor official updates and undertake appropriate precautionary measures to minimize potential health impacts associated with poor air quality and haze.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE PUBLIC

All constituents are advised to observe the following:

- Limit prolonged or strenuous outdoor activities, particularly while PM2.5 remains at the "Very Unhealthy" level.
- Children, older persons, pregnant women, and individuals with existing respiratory or cardiovascular conditions should take extra precautions and minimize unnecessary outdoor exposure.
- Persons who need to stay outdoors for extended periods are advised to consider using a well-fitting mask, particularly in areas with visible dust, smoke, or other particulate emissions.
- Keep doors and windows closed when outdoor air conditions are poor, where practical, and avoid activities that introduce additional particulate matter indoors.
- Avoid open burning of garbage, leaves, agricultural residues, and other materials.
- Avoid unnecessary exposure to smoke, dust, and vehicle exhaust, particularly along heavily trafficked roads and areas with ongoing construction or earth-moving activities.
- Schools, workplaces, and event organizers are encouraged to consider modifying, postponing, or relocating strenuous outdoor activities when monitoring indicates that PM2.5 remains at "Very Unhealthy" levels.
- Persons experiencing difficulty breathing, chest discomfort, persistent coughing, wheezing, or other concerning symptoms should seek appropriate medical attention.

LGU RESPONSE AND INTERVENTIONS

1. CONTINUOUS MONITORING

Continue monitoring the air quality and haze situation within respective areas of responsibility and monitor official updates from DENR-EMB and other concerned agencies.

The CENRO/MENRO, in coordination with the concerned monitoring station and appropriate national government agencies, shall provide relevant updates to the concerned Local Chief Executive and Local DRRM Council.

2. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ADVISORY

Inform and advise the public on the possible health effects of elevated particulate matter and the appropriate measures to reduce exposure.

All concerned offices and Local DRRM Councils shall ensure timely and accurate dissemination of verified information through official LGU social media platforms, barangay information networks, public announcement systems, schools, government offices, and other available communication channels.

3. PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

The Municipal/City Health Office shall coordinate with barangays, schools, and health facilities to strengthen information dissemination on protection from elevated particulate matter and to monitor reported respiratory complaints or other health concerns associated with poor air quality.

4. MANAGEMENT OF LGU ACTIVITIES

All LGU offices shall review scheduled outdoor activities and, when necessary, reduce exposure of personnel and participants to prolonged or strenuous outdoor activities during periods when PM2.5 remains at "Very Unhealthy" levels.

5. COORDINATION AND REPORTING

Strengthen coordination among the C/MDRRMOs, CENRO/MENRO, Municipal/City Health Offices, barangays, and other concerned offices and agencies for the monitoring and management of potential health and environmental impacts.

Significant developments, such as worsening air quality, persistent or widespread haze, reduced visibility, or emerging health concerns, shall be reported through the PDRRMC Infolink and designated Alpha 1-5 Infolinks, as appropriate.

All concerned LDRRMCs and partner agencies are encouraged to maintain a heightened level of preparedness and vigilance and to continuously monitor the situation within their respective areas of responsibility.

The public is likewise encouraged to remain informed through official government sources, avoid unnecessary exposure to poor air quality, and observe appropriate precautionary measures.

For information, guidance, and appropriate action.

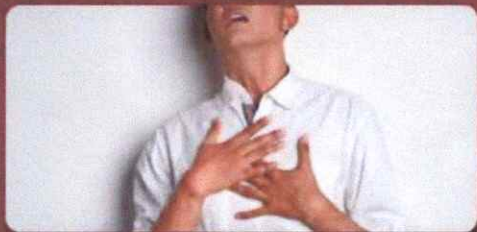


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MAGING LIGTAS MULA SA **HAZE**

Ang haze ay maruming hangin na may halong maliliit na usok o alikabok mula sa sunog at abo.

! MAAARI ITONG MAGDULOT NG:



Hirap sa paghinga



Pag-ubo



Pananakit ng dibdib



Pagluluha ng mata



Pangangati ng ilong



Paglala ng respiratory disease tulad ng asthma

SUNDIN ANG SUMUSUNOD PARA MAIWASAN ANG BANTA NG HAZE!



Manatili sa loob ng bahay hangga't maaari



Isara ang mga pintuan at gumamit ng basang tela para **takpan ang mga siwang**



Magsuot ng **N95 mask** kung lalabas ng bahay



Gumamit ng **head lights o fog lights** kapag bibiyahe sa gabi at malabo ang paligid

Tumawag agad sa **National Emergency Hotline 911** kapag kailangan ng tulong!