CIRCULAR

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Please find enclosed a copy of letter No. F.15(07) / 2015 / DHS / SHS / Programme / 2739-45 dated 14.08.2015 received from Dr. Ashok Kumar, Addl. Director (SHS), Directorate of Health Services (School Health Scheme), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, DGD Building, Karkardooma, Delhi on the subject cited above alongwith Emergency Response System – Standard Operative Guidelines for Mass De-worming Programme Round III for Class 11th Students, for further necessary action at your end.

Encls: as above

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1. Ps to Secretary (Education), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
2. PS to Director (Education), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
3. Addl. Director (SHS), Directorate of Health Services (School Health Scheme), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, DGD Building Karkardooma, Delhi-92.
4. All RDEs/DDEs (District/Zone)/DEOs.
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The Stakeholders i.e. Directorate of Education, New Delhi Municipal Council & Cantonment Board are requested to issue necessary instructions for participation, awareness generation, logistics arrangements, reporting & monitoring mechanism and setting up of Emergency Response System on priority for the Mass De-worming Programme Round III for students of class 11th.

Dr. Ashok Kumar
Additional Director
School Health Scheme

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Copy for information and necessary action to:
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3) Director (Medical Services), New Delhi Municipal Council, Palika Kendra, Opp. to Jantar Mantar, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
4) Director (Education), New Delhi Municipal Council, Palika Kendra, Opp. to Jantar Mantar, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
5) Chief Executive Officer, Cantonment Board, Office of Cantonment Board, Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt. Delhi-110010
6) All District Incharges of School Health Scheme
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8) Guard File

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Standard Operative Guidelines for Mass De-worming Programme
Round III for Class 11th Students
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For Mass De-worming of students of Class 11th, Tab. Albendazole 400 mg which is chewable and palatable flavor will be administered.

Tablet Albendazole 400mg is used to treat intestinal worm infections such as hook worm, Whip worm and round worm. This medication is taken by mouth to be chewed and can be taken with or without food.

All hospitals of Delhi Govt./ MCD/ Central Govt./ NDMC, Dispensaries and CAT ambulance services will be on high alert on both Mass De-worming Day and Mop-Up Day. One M.O./ P.H.N/ A.N.M will be deployed for a cluster of four or five schools and they will visit each of their schools one or two days prior to Mass Deworming Day and exchange their contact no. with the Principals/ Nodal Teachers.

Though the drug Albendazole is a safe drug for Mass Administration with rare reporting of adverse events. The De-worming treatment has a very few side effects in Children. There may be some mild side effects like dizziness, nausea, headache, and vomiting, all likely due to the worms being passed through the child’s body. They will all disappear after sometimes. These mild side effects can be managed in the schools itself.

In very rare cases there may be Serious Adverse Event which may be life threatening. These serious adverse events may be due to allergic reaction to drug, or acute intestinal obstruction due to worm load, choking if tablet is not chewed or more likely coincidental not related to De-worming. In such cases, the affected child should be separated from other children and stop De-worming activities in that school. The school Principals / Nodal Teachers should immediately call the ERS team (whose contact no. is already shared with the school) and transfer the child to the nearest linked Hospital by CATS ambulance (102). The child can also be transferred through any other vehicle in case there is delay in arrival of the ambulance.

Emergency response team members-
1. Nodal teachers of school
2. Principals of school
3. District In-charges (SHS)
4. M.O. Incharge of Dispensaries
5. Medical Superintendents of District/ Tertiary Hospitals.
6. M.O. & PHNs from SHS and ANMS from CDMOs.

Deputation on 4 – 6 clusters of schools of M.O/PHN of SHS and ANMs of CDMOs for providing on the spot medical services. The teams are to be called for providing services in case of any adverse reaction. The deputed M.O/PHN/ANM will share the contact numbers with every school. Every school has been linked with a nearby First Referral Unit- i.e. Dispensaries/ District hospitals of Delhi Govt. in the vicinity of the schools. All children who experience serious adverse event to be transported to nearby linked district /tertiary hospital through CATS ambulance on call available on 102 or 1099.

The management of adverse events by the Emergency Response Teams:

**At School Level**

**Activities before the programme**
1. Ensure all Class Teachers are familiar with guidelines related to administration of tablets and precautions to be taken.
2. Emergency Response Committee to be constituted in the school.
3. Educate/ create awareness among the students about mass De-worming programme in the assembly (Morning/ Evening).
4. A parent teacher meeting should be held and parents be made aware.
5. Contact numbers of Emergency Response Team should be displayed at an appropriate place.
6. Contact numbers of all the nearby hospitals (government and private) should be available with the school/ CATS phone numbers.

**ON THE DAY OF PROGRAMME**

1. Adhere to the guidelines related to administration of tablets.
2. Please make sure that children who are apparently looking not too well are not to be given tablet Albendazole 400mg.
4. Rooming in of the child reported with mild adverse event.
5. Give ORS/Drinking Water and observe for next two hours, the child will recover.
6. In case there is a need to shift the child to nearby dispensary or hospital, make arrangements for transportation of the children, by CATS, personal conveyance, private ambulances, auto/taxi etc whatever easily available.
7. Coordinate with the Emergency Response Team M.O. / PHNs/ ANMs & District Incharges for smooth and prompt response.
8. Proper documentation of adverse events should be done.

**SHS District In-charge**

**Activities before the programme**

1. Ensure prior preparations of the teams for ERS.
2. Share phone numbers of teams & themselves with Schools.
3. Ensure every team is equipped with basic drugs which may be required that day.

**ON THE DAY OF PROGRAMME**

1. Ensure Health Teams are in place on the day of administration of tablet.
2. In case of information of adverse event, inform the deputed Emergency Team Members for the management of adverse event and also to the nearby SHS Medical team for co-ordination.
3. Supervision and monitoring of the Mass De-worming Programme may be done physically by the district in-charges by visiting the schools.
Standard Operative Guidelines for dispensaries

Ensure that Dispensary In-charges have information regarding the programme (Mass De-worming) and remain alert on De-worming Day (27th August 2015) and Mop-Up Day (1st September 2015).

Ensure availability of basic drugs in the dispensaries/health centres and with the mobile health teams for De-worming Programme.

- ORS Packets
- Tab Dicyclomine 10mg
- Tab Domstal 10mg
- Tab/Syrup Paracetamol

All Delhi Govt. Dispensaries to remain open till 8 PM on 27th August 2015 and 1st September 2015.

- Prompt priority-based response to cases of adverse effects.
- Ensure accurate reporting of the incident.

ROLE OF PARENTS
1. In case of an adverse effect at home, the parents should take the child to the nearest available health unit.

CATS
Activities before the programme
1. Dissemination of information to the CATS staff regarding the Mass De-worming Programme and ERS i.e. for transportation of children with adverse effects to the nearest health facility.

ON THE DAY OF PROGRAMME

CATS ambulances will be stationed at major points for prompt transportation of children with adverse effects.

HOSPITALS
Activities before the programme
1. Dissemination of information to the staff regarding the programme and ERS.
2. The Chief Casualty Medical Officer may be designated as Nodal Officer for the programme in the hospital who will put on alert the Emergency Department & will make all necessary arrangements.

**ON THE DAY OF PROGRAMME**

1. Prompt priority-based response to cases of adverse effects.
2. Ensure accurate reporting of the incident in the prescribed serious adverse reporting proforma.

**Advisory Central Control Room**

1. The staff posted at central control room to strictly follow the duty roaster.
2. Punctuality to be maintained strictly.
3. The staff in control room will inform the adverse events to Additional Director, SHS on his mobile no. 9891567200.
4. Documentation to be done properly and handing over of the register to Monitoring Branch, School Health Scheme Head Quarter.
5. Register from central control room to be reserved and kept in a safe custody/ confidentiality to be maintained.
6. All Documentation regarding adverse effects to be done in the prescribed format.

**Prerequisites to strengthen Emergency Response System:**

- All Delhi Govt. dispensaries to remain open till 8 PM on 27th August 2015 and 1st September 2015.
- All MCD dispensaries, M & CW, polyclinics, T.B clinics to remain open.
- Stationing of Mobile Dispensaries with their staff in each School Health Scheme District.
- **CATs Ambulance**: CATs Ambulance to be stationed at strategic points for transporting the children reporting adverse events.
- **Hospitals secondary and tertiary level**: All hospitals of Delhi Govt./ MCD/ Central Govt./ NDMC to be kept in high alert, with Chief Casualty Medical Officer as Nodal Officer with Mobile No., available for 24 hrs. In case there is no nearby center, the student to be taken to nearby nursing home / Pvt hospital for stabilizing and providing free of cost treatment.