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MEMORANDUM

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION pss.coe@cnmipss.org

DATE	:	December 5, 2021
ТО	:	PSS Staff, Parents, and Families
FROM	:	Acting Commissioner of Education
SUBJECT	:	Remote Learning for All PSS Schools on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian

Dear PSS Staff, Parents, and Families:

The Public School System (PSS) continues its commitment to keep the public informed regarding the health and safety of students and staff. This decision has been carefully assessed by the PSS Leadership and school administration. In line with the Governor's Memorandum (GOV21-249), this letter is to inform you that all Public School System schools will transition to remote learning beginning Monday, December 06, 2021. There will be no face-to-face classes for all PSS schools until Thursday, December 23, 2021.

While schools remain closed for face-to-face classes, instruction will continue online through Blackboard Ultra (BBU). All PSS offices will remain open. Kindly refer to your child's school directly for remote learning schedules. Moreover, all PSS extracurricular activities and scheduled events are suspended until further notice.

PSS will continue to provide meal services to our students through Grab-and-Go beginning Tuesday, December 07, 2021. Please present current student IDs to claim meals. Food Services are available from 9:00 am -12:00 pm at the following school locations:

- Chacha Oceanview Middle School 0
- Dandan Middle School 0
- Francisco M. Sablan Middle School 0
- Garapan Elementary School 0
- Saipan Southern High School 0
- Tanapag Middle School 0
- William S. Reyes Elementary School 0
- Oleai Elementary School 0
- Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior Senior High School 0
- Sinapalo Elementary School 0
- **Tinian Elementary School** 0

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COVID-19 School-Based Testing will continue for the following schools: *(Not open to the public)*

December 6, 2021 8am - 2pm	Kagman Elementary School Koblerville Elementary School
December 7, 2021 8am - 10am	Tanapag Middle School (Cohort 1) Francisco Middle School (Cohort 1)
December 9, 2021	Hopwood MS (Cohort 1) 8am - 11am COVMS (Cohort 1) 8am - 11am Hopwood MS (Cohort 2) 12pm - 3pm
December 10, 2021	Hopwood MS (Cohort 3) 8am - 11am COVMS (Cohort 2) 8am - 11am Hopwood MS (Cohort 4) 12pm - 3pm

There is no PSS bussing for the school-based testing. For the scheduled school-based testing this week, parents should bring their child to the school campus for the testing only. Parents can wait for their child since the testing does not take more than a couple of minutes. Testing is for students and school staff only.

The scheduled school-based vaccinations will continue from 8am to 12pm. Please follow the scheduled time.

December 6, 2021	William S. Reyes Elementary School
December 7, 2021	Saipan Southern High School Da'Ok Academy
December 9, 2021	Dandan Middle School
December 13, 2021	Francisco M. Sablan Middle School
December 14, 2021	Garapan Elementary School
December 15, 2021	Chacha Oceanview Middle School
December 16, 2021	Marianas High School

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PSS Central Offices will remain open. Central Office staff shall report to work on a staggered schedule based on supervisor approval.

We assure you that we are doing everything we can to provide a safe environment for our children to learn and grow. We will keep you updated as circumstances change. We highly encourage you to take action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if your child is not experiencing symptoms.

The most important things you can do:

- Make sure your child is wearing a mask when recommended or required.
- Make sure your child is washing their hands.
- Keep your child home if they are sick.
- Call your primary care provider if you or your child have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Make sure that your child gets vaccinated when they are eligible.
- Make sure to take advantage of Antigen testing opportunities when made available. Register your child to get screened and tested for COVID-19 at https://covidtesting.chcc.health.

Rest assured that your child's and family's health is our priority. If you feel the need to reach out for help, please contact <u>mentalhealth@cnmipss.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Rizalina Liwag, Ed.D. Acting Commissioner of Education

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