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### **DIRECTOR JANAIRÓ PUSHES FOR FULL MEDICAL EXAM FOR DENG VAXIA RECIPIENTS**

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Department of Health (DOH) – CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo pushed for a full medical exam for all Dengue Vaccine Individuals (DVI) during the Joint-Partnership Meeting with Parent Leaders of DVIs of the three affected regions – the National Capital Region (NCR), CALABARZON and Central Luzon.

“My request to Health Secretary Duque is to immediately provide these children medical examination before entering new grade or transferring to a new school. This should be the first thing that the Department has done, provided them immediate physical examination,” Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo stated during the joint forum held in Timog Avenue, Quezon City on April 18, 2018.

“Because if there had been complications and adverse reactions from the vaccines from the children, we could have seen it immediately and provided the necessary health response,” he emphasized.

“That’s why if a mother of a DVI requested for an x-ray, we need to give it right away. Just because a doctor said it is not needed, it doesn’t mean that we will not send our children for an x-ray. As parents, it is innate in us to find out for ourselves what is our children’s health status and ensure his/her safety,” he added.

“However, for those that require special tests such biopsy, we will endorse such request to the concern units of the department for immediate action subject for approval of the health secretary,” Janairo said.

According to Janairo, a proposal for a comparative study of DVIs and non-vaccinees who have died of dengue is being worked-out to learn if the pre-existing health conditions are present and similar to non-DVIs. “This will give us a baseline information between the two subjects and will clarify if the same clinical presentation is found among those who died of Dengvaxia and those who have died of dengue but are not recipient of the vaccine”.

CALABARZON has 171,276 vaccinees who received the first dose, 141,075 have taken the second dose, 82,815 completed 3 doses and 4,261 obtain their vaccine from private physicians; Region 3 has a total of 205,449 recipients; and NCR has 334,665 DVIs.

The Dengvaxia Forum entitled “Building Bridges for Partners in the Formulation of Dengvaxia Management Procedures presented up-dates and on-going plans of the department to parent leaders from various municipalities of the three regions including monitoring activities to ensure the health and safety of DVIs.

“We need to provide special attention, care and service to the surviving DVIs and to find solution to this crisis and synchronize our efforts and action to reduce and further prevent loss of lives,” he concluded.