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WORLD RABIES AWARENESS MONTH “QUIZ BITE CHALLENGE 2026”

In celebration of World Rabies Awareness Month, the Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital & Medical Center invites Grade 10 students from public high schools of District II to participate in a Quiz Bee Competition on Rabies Prevention entitled “Quiz Bite Challenge 2026” with this year’s theme “Rabies-Free na Pusat’Aso, Kaligtasan ng Pamilyang Pilipino.”

In this regard, each public high school in District II is requested to send three (3) Grade 10 representatives to participate in the said activity. The competition will consist of two parts:

- 1.) Online Elimination Round: March 18, 2026 (Wednesday) at 1:30 p.m.
- 2.) Face-to Face Final Round: March 21, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the 5th Floor Function Hall of Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital & Medical Center

The Top 10 teams from the online elimination round will qualify for the final round.

This initiative aims to raise awareness on rabies prevention and encourage active participation of learners in promoting community health and safety.

Attached are the mechanics and guidelines of the competition for reference.

For further inquiries, you may contact Dr. Ma. Elaine M. Puyaoan-Refuerzo at 09368990890.

Participation remains voluntary and must follow the non-disruption of classes policy in DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2025 and the guidelines on off-campus activities in DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017.

For information and dissemination to concerned schools, teachers, and students.

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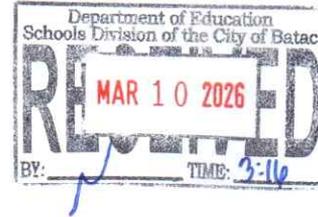


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March 10, 2026

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 City of Batac, Ilocos Norte



Dear Dr. Aludino,

Greetings!

In celebration of the **World Rabies Awareness Month** this coming March, we would like to invite Grade 10 students from the high schools of District II to participate in a Quiz Bee Competition on Rabies prevention which is entitled "**Quiz Bite Challenge 2026**". This year theme is "**Rabies-Free na Pusa't Aso, Kaligtasan ng Pamilyang Pilipino**".

Each public high school of District II is requested to send three (3) representatives to compete in the said activity.

The competition will consist of two parts; an online elimination round and a face-to-face final round. The online elimination round will be on March 18, 2026, at 1:30 pm. The Top ten (10) teams from the elimination round shall qualify to proceed to the final round at the 5th floor Function Hall of Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on March 21, 2026 at 8:00 am.

This initiative aims to partner with your institution in raising awareness about the importance of rabies prevention and to encourage active involvement in keeping our community safe and well informed.

Attached herewith, is the full mechanics and guidelines of the competition for your reference. For further inquiries, you may contact Dr. Ma. Elaine M. Puyaoan-Refuerzo via number 09368990890.

Thank you for your continued support in all our health endeavors.

Respectfully yours,


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World Rabies Awareness Month "Quiz Bite Challenge" 2026
"RABIES-FREE NA PUSA'T ASO, KALIGTASAN NG PAMILYANG PILIPINO"
Venue: 5th Floor Function Hall, Annex Building, MMMHMC, Batac City

I. WHAT IS THE QUIZ BITE CHALLENGE

The Quiz Bite Challenge is an advocacy quiz competition organized by the Department of Family and Community Medicine of MMMHMC in celebration of World Rabies Month every March of each year, which aims to strengthen awareness on rabies prevention and eliminate the disease by 2030. This activity was designed to raise awareness on rabies prevention and promote responsible pet ownership in the community.

II. PARTICIPANT

Participating public high schools in District II of Ilocos Norte shall designate three (3) Grade 10 students to form a team to compete and represent their school in the Quiz Bite Challenge.

III. REGISTRATION

1. Registration must be accomplished by scanning the QR code below. The deadline of registration is on March 16, 2026, 5:00 pm.



2. Registration is per school team. A clear image of the three (3) participant's school ID must be uploaded on the online registration form provided.
3. Registration is free.

IV. GUIDELINES

The quiz bee has two rounds: an online elimination round and a face-to-face final round.

A. ONLINE ELIMINATION ROUND

1. The online elimination round shall be held on March 18, 2026, 1:30 PM.
2. The school must ensure a stable internet connection with a minimum speed of 20 Mbps. This will help prevent internet glitches which may serve as an opportunity for coaching and cheating during the competition.
3. The following equipments are required during the competition:
 - o A laptop or a desktop computer with a built-in camera shall be positioned directly in front of the 3 members of the competing team. This will also be the one used to access the site for the online questions.
 - o An additional gadget with a camera which shall be placed at the side of the team to monitor the participants throughout the competition to ensure honesty during the competition.
4. The online elimination round consists of 30 multiple choice questions to be finished after a time limit of 15 minutes. Participants are given around 15 to 20 seconds to read and answer each question. The questions shall be accessed only once and the contestants cannot go back and answer any missed question.
5. The top 10 teams with the highest scores will advance to the final round. In case of a tie for 10th place, a 5-item tie breaking questions will be given.

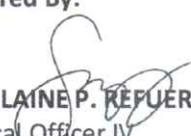
B. FACE TO FACE FINAL ROUND

1. The final round will be conducted face-to-face at the 5th floor Function Hall Annex Building of Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on March 21, 2026, 8:00 AM.
2. There should be no changes in the school's team members. Only participants who competed in the elimination round are the ones eligible to participate in the final round. School IDs must be worn at all times during the activity.
3. All participants are required to secure parental consent and shall be accompanied by one teacher/coach.
4. During the final round, 30-item multiple choice questions will be given. Participants will be given 20-25 seconds to read and answer each question. The final answer will be written on a small board paper which shall be provided by the organizers.
5. Each item corresponds to 1 point. In case of a tie, 5-item tie-breaking questions will be given.
6. The activity strictly prohibits coaching. During the quiz bee, only team members are allowed to communicate with each other. Talking to anyone who is not part of the team will be considered cheating. In the event of cheating, the team will be automatically disqualified.
7. Contestants are not allowed to use any electronic gadget attached to their body (e.g., smart watch, earphones) or any form of technological device that can be used for communicating.
8. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams as follows:

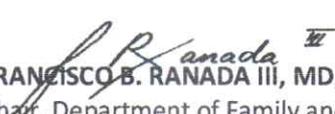
	Prize
Winner	Php 5000
2 nd Place	Php 3000
3 rd Place	Php 2000

9. After the quiz bee, an interactive lecture for the coaches on animal bite and rabies prevention shall follow.
10. Prizes and certificates will be awarded at the end of the program. Morning snacks will be served during the activity.
11. The following are the references for the Quiz Bite Challenge. Any point of contentions raised by the competing teams shall be based on these references:
 - a. Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, Rep. Act No. 9482
 - b. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Rabies: Rabies Prevention and Control (2025-2026)
 - c. Revised Guidelines on the Management of Rabies Exposures, Admin. Order No. 2018-0013 (2018)
 - d. World Health Organization. Rabies (2024).

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