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Dear Dr Whittle

2022 CAMPAIGN DATES FOR THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINATION CAMPAIGN AND THE NATIONAL SCHOOL DEWORMING PROGRAMME

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign took place in Sept to Oct 2021. Eligible grade 5 girl learners with signed consent forms were successfully vaccinated. All other girls who had previously received a first HPV dose, also received their second dose to complete their vaccination schedule. A consolidated data report will be submitted to your department once the annual performance evaluation report is approved, in line with the HPV conditional grant framework.

The proposed dates for 2022 campaign dates are as follows:

- 14 February to 31 March 2022: HPV vaccination and national school deworming campaign.
- 2 September to 31 October 2022: HPV vaccination and Td vaccination for grade 5 boys and girls.

Plans are underway to ensure that the Mebendazole tablets arrive in the provincial depots for administration to grades R to seven (7) learners in quintile 1 to 3 schools in collaboration with the national school nutrition programme (NSNP) during Feb/March campaign. Other school-based interventions will also be provided as a comprehensive package of services throughout the campaign.

Logistical arrangements, proper planning and scheduling up to school level are always prioritized to ensure that teaching and learning is not disrupted, and that all Covid-19 regulations and guidelines are adhered to.

I would like to take this opportunity to once more thank your department for the continued support and excellent collaboration which contributes to the successful provision of HPV vaccination and other school-based health services.

Kind regards

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