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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : A/DIRECTOR: SCHOOL HEALTH, SAFETY AND
LEARNER ENRICHMENT

SUBJECT : OUTBREAK OF MEASLES, AND 2023 VACCINATION OF HUMAN
PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV), TETANUS DIPHTHERIA (TD),
MEASLES, AND DEWORMING CAMPAIGN DATES

1. The outbreak of measles has been noted in the provinces of Gauteng, Limpopo, and Mpumalanga starting in July and September 2022. The laboratory confirmed cases so far stands at 137.
2. The Eastern Cape Province has no case identified now, but all efforts are directed at conducting vaccinations in the following year, 2023.
3. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform all Education Stakeholders, inclusive of parents, educators, learners, support staff, care givers, etc., and invite all to support all attempts aimed at vaccination of measles, HPV and TD.
4. The Department of Basic Education (DBE), National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) Directorate, and School Health & Life Skills (SH&LS) Sub-directorate are entrusted with the responsibility of driving the Deworming Campaigns. The Department of Education (DoE), together with Department of Health (DoH), have been preparing for the 2023 vaccination programmes as indicated below:

MEMO ON OUTBREAK OF MEASLES & VACCINATION OF LEARNERS

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NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	06 -17 February 2023	National measles vaccination campaign (this may include children under 15 years)
2	20 February to 31 March 2023	1 st dose HPV vaccination campaign
3	May, June, and July 2023	National School Deworming programme for Grades R-7 in quintiles 1 to 3 schools.
4	04 September – 31 October 2023	2 nd dose HPV vaccination campaign including TD vaccination campaign for Grades 5 boys and girls
5	16- 20 October 2023	School Health Week to offer a comprehensive package of services

5. Measles is a highly contagious viral infection which has these notable signs of rise in temperature and a rash, cough, red eyes, running nose. Complications of it include diarrhoea, dehydration, brain infections, blindness, and death. A leaflet is attached hereto (**Annexure 1**) which has more details on the disease.
6. Parents are encouraged to utilize health facilities/clinics/centres if the above symptoms are seen from their children, for vaccination. Vaccination may include all children under 15 years.
7. Measles can spread easily if infected child meets others who are unvaccinated.
8. The Department of Education and Department of Health shall always be available for assistance during this critical period.
9. For any further enquiries, please contact Ms. Pamela Vena on 060 530 0749 or email pamela.vena@ecdoe.gov.za.

Yours in Public Education Service

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