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**CIRCULAR 3 OF 2014**

**TO :** ALL DDGs AND CHIEF DIRECTORS  
ALL CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTORS  
ALL EDO'S  
ALL PRINCIPALS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
ALL CHAIRPERSONS OF SGBs

**FROM :** SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

**SUBJECT :** THE ROLL OUT OF HPV VACCINE CAMPAIGN IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**DATE :** 13 FEBRUARY 2014

The purpose of this circular is to inform the public (parents, SGB's, school principals) about HPV campaign taking place in all public schools for grade 4 girl learners between age 9 – 13 years. In May 2013, Dr A Motshoaledi announced in his budget vote speech the policy intention of the Department of Health to introduce the HPV vaccine into the Expanded Programme (ISHP) in February 2014 in all public schools.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recommended vaccinating girls between 9 – 13 years before they have sex, making a long term improvement in health outcomes.

On the 13 January 2014, Ms AM Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education (DBE), received a letter from Dr A Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, requesting the Minister of Basic Education to table the introduction of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) programme to all public schools at the Council of Education Minister (CES) meeting

HPV infection can be prevented by immunizing both males and females which will provide protection in years to come when they become sexually active. Cervical cancer is the number one cancer that kills Black women in South Africa.

The HPV vaccine will be administered using a 2 dose schedule which will be administered 6 months apart, i.e. mid march to mid April and again mid September to mid October 2014;

The intention is to implement the Human Papillomavirus vaccination programme in public schools under the auspices of the Integrated School Health Programme and supports the HPV vaccination programme in public schools in South Africa.

**It is expected that all school communities are informed and to ensure consent forms are signed by parents and returned to school by the 7 March 2014.**

  
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SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

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