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KZN CIRCULAR NO 13 OF 2024

SUBJECT: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMME IN 2024

1. The National Departments of Basic Education, Health and Social Development have jointly developed the Integrated School Health Programme (ISHP) Calendar aligned to the National 2023 Health Awareness calendar.
2. This ISHP Calendar is intended to strengthen and systematize the provision of health services across all provinces so that teaching and learning are not disturbed. Chief amongst the school-based interventions to be provided by the Department of Health for learners as per attached calendar are as follows:

No	DATES	DESCRIPTION
1.	06 Feb to 20 March 2024	1 st Dose HPV vaccination campaign, Grade 5 girls only.
2.	February to October 2024	Health Screening of the targeted learners in primary and secondary schools.
3.	May to July 2024	National School Deworming programme for Grades R to 7, in Quintiles 1-3 and Special schools.
4.	01 Sept to 31 Oct 2024	2 nd Dose HPV vaccination campaign for Grade 5 girls, including Td vaccination campaign for Grade 5 boys.
5.	07 Oct to 11 Oct 2024	School Health Week to offer a comprehensive package of services.



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3. For the above-mentioned school-based ISHP interventions to be implemented successfully, the districts, schools and parents are required to do the following:
 - a) Districts should conduct advocacy with the schools, school governing bodies and parents regarding the provision of these health services for learners to address any concerns that parents may have. They must also ensure that Parental consent forms for learners to receive health services are distributed to all schools timeously.
 - b) School principals should ensure that the parental consent forms are distributed to all parents and that parents are encouraged to sign and return them to school giving permission for their children to receive the said health services. The consent forms are **valid for one year** and ideally parents/legal guardians/caregivers should sign them at the beginning of each academic year.
4. School principals should further ensure that signed consent forms are safely kept at the school and readily available for the School Health Teams visiting the schools. Learners without the signed consent forms will not receive these essential health services.
5. Attached to this circular are the following documents:
 - a) The Annual Health Calendar for Integrated School Health Programme (ISHP) for 2024,
 - b) Consent forms for the Primary schools as well as for Secondary schools, and
 - c) Deworming summary sheet for data collection.
6. Logistical arrangements, consent forms for vaccination, proper planning and scheduling at the school level should be strategically executed to ensure that teaching and learning are not disrupted.
7. The contents of this circular should be brought to the attention of all parties concerned.

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