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To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh

Subject:-

Supporting Measles- Rubella Vaccination Campaign.

Memo,

Reference to letter bearing No.HFW-H/MR/CH/2017-21866 dated 01-06-2017, received from the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9 wherein, it has been mentioned that the State is conducting the MR Vaccination Campaign as part of the national strategy to eliminate Measles and Control Rubella/ CRS in the Country. All children aged 9 months to 15 years will be provided an additional dose of MR Vaccine, regardless of any previous vaccination status or history of Measles/Rubella-like illness. The Rubella virus has the potential to cause abortions, stillbirths and severe birth defects known as Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS), including deafness and blindness in the newborn child. This may lead to serious lifelong disabilities, which is a huge burden to the family and society (nearly 30000 estimated CRS cases happen in the Country per year).

During MR campaign all school children till class 10th will be given one dose of MR vaccine in the class itself. MR campaign will be conducted within a period of 3-4 weeks. Vaccination will be conducted in schools during the first 3 weeks and later on in the community through outreach sessions. Duration of the campaign may vary depending upon the vaccinator's availability Vs injection load, based on District/ State micro plans. The campaign aims to rapidly build up immunity for both measles and rubella, and also provides a second opportunity for children left out in routine immunization.

The MR injection is very safe and effective. It is already being given since many years by private doctors. The Government has decided to give this vaccine free of

cost to all; with one dose will be given during MR campaign. The campaign targets a large birth cohort of approximately 20 Lakhs children in Himachal Pradesh, starting August 2017. The 80% of this target will be studying in Government and Private ICSE/CBSE Schools/ Central schools and Kendriya Vidyalayas.

For the active participation in the campaign following has been requested:-

1. Inform about the date and time of the session to students and their guardians after getting information from Health Department.
2. Prepare line list of students till class 10th class & section wise.
3. Assign Nodal Teacher for each school as well as one class teacher for each class to help to organize and conduct immunization sessions in the school.
4. Support & coordinate with health workers to conduct the session during school timings.
5. Ensure that teachers crosscheck left thumb marking of all vaccinated children.
6. Share list of absentee students' class wise alongwith their address with the Health Workers immediately after the session is over.
7. Senior students should get involved in motivating juniors.
8. Post messages shared by Health Department on school website for information of parents.
9. Take part in orientation and training for MR campaign by Health Department.
10. Pass/ Disseminate messages shared by Health Department to students for information of parents on MR campaign.
11. Every school Principal alongwith designated Nodal Teacher should be proactively involved through micro planning for MR vaccination campaign.
12. Class Teachers should mobilize students and support of health team during vaccination campaign in schools.
13. Schools and Teachers to organize rallies and other communication activities around the schools and communities for MR campaign.

14. Ensure parent teachers meeting and parent's orientation/ sensitization on the safety and efficacy of MR vaccine, including distribution of invitation cards for each eligible child. Health Department Officials will support the school authorities.

In view of aforementioned, you are directed to issue necessary instructions to all the Government/Private Senior Secondary/ High Schools including Central Schools/ Navodya Schools under your administrative control/ respective District to take the necessary initiative to ensure that all children/ students in the target age group i.e. till class 10th in their respective school get vaccinated during the campaign. Further, it may also be directed to extend full support and coordinate with the authorities of Health Department as and when required by them and also to attend District / Block Measles-Rubella workshops.

This may be given personal attention and top priority please.



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Endst. No. Even dated Shimla-1 the June, 2017

Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9, w.r.t. above mentioned letter number and date.
2. The Incharge, IT Cell, with the direction to upload the same on the departmental website.
3. Guard file.



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