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Notification on Measles Catch –up Campaign for the schools affiliated to CBSE running primary classes and situated in the states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat

It is hereby informed that the Government of India has introduced 2nd dose of Measles vaccine in the states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat since Septembers 2012.

As the target age-group includes under-five as well as **school going children up to 10 years of age**, (Class Nursery till class V) measles vaccinations during catch-up campaign would be conducted at schools in the first week of activity. For a particular school, all vaccination activities during the school week will be completed in one day to cause the least interference with the academic calendar. It therefore makes the role of schools running primary classes critical for successful implementation of the campaign.

All the schools affiliated to CBSE having children in the age group of 5-10 years are requested to extend all possible support and cooperation to officials from Ministry of Health and partner organizations like WHO, UNICEF, Lions Club and Indian Red Cross Society for the campaign. Some suggestive actions to support this endeavour are as below:

- Ensure one or more teachers at each school act as nodal persons for school based vaccination activities.
- Collaborate with District Immunization Officer to have parent-teacher interactions at schools and seek cooperation and participation of parents in getting their children vaccinated.

Measles is one of the major public health problems in India with nearly 1 lakh children dying from the disease every year. Deaths from measles can be reduced significantly by achieving high vaccination coverage with two doses of measles vaccine. Schools are expected to provide full cooperation to Measles Catch-up Campaign and ensure that all eligible children in your schools are vaccinated and protected from Measles related morbidity and mortality.

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