



MEDIA ADVISORY

To: Editors & Health Journalists

Issued by: Department of Health

Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2020

DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER DR PHAAHLA TO LEAD GLOBAL HANDWASHING WEBINAR

Pretoria: Deputy Minister of Health Dr Joe Phaahla will tomorrow (Thursday, 15 October 2020) lead the virtual discussions during the Global Handwashing Day Commemoration discuss the role of hand hygiene as one of the most effective defence in reducing the spread of pathogens and prevent infections, including the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Global Handwashing Day is commemorated annually on 15th of October to raise awareness about the importance of regular washing of hands with clean water and soap. The 2020 event will be commemorated through the webinar under the *Hand Hygiene for all* - is a call to action to make hand hygiene a reality for all.

Amongst other topics to be discussed during the webinar include; enabling environment for handwashing with soap, technology and innovations for improved access to facilities, and handwashing behaviour change promotion.

The Webinar will take place as follows:

Date: Thursday, 15 October 2020

Time: 10h00 13h00

To join and participate in the webinar, please register on the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WbnlUbd2SSqMFTufpcxlYw

For more information, please contact:

Mr Popo Maja National Health Department Spokesperson

Cell: 0725853219

E-mail:Popo.maja@health.gov.za