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O/o Deputy Director of School Education, Secondary
Kangra at Dharamshala

Deputy Director of
School Education (Sec)
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To

All the Principals and Headmaster
GSSS/GHS /Pvt. Schools Distt. Kangra

Subject:- Regarding the District Task Force meeting for HPV vaccination held on 10/06/2026.

R/Sir,

This is in reference to The Additional Deputy Commissioner Kangra at Dharamshala letter No. HFW-KGR/NHM/UIP/DTFI/HPV/2026/- 965-1015 dated 22.06.2026 on the subject cited above.

In this regard you are directed to follow the instructions received from the Additional Deputy Commissioner Kangra at Dharamshala

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- School-wise data sharing on number of eligible girls with UDISE/institution details in the given google sheet
- Conducting Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) prior to vaccination
- Facilitating health officials to address parents during PTMs
- Awareness generation among teachers and students
- Mobilisation of beneficiaries to designated vaccination sites
- Reporting and coordination in case of any AEFI among schoolchildren
- Circulation of official instructions to public & private schools regarding HPV rollout

Thanking You.


Deputy Director of School Education, Secondary
Kangra at Dharamshala



No. HFW-KGR/NHM/UIP/DTFI/HPV/2026/- 965-1015
Office of the Chief Medical Officer
Kangra at Dharamshala



Dated:- 22/6/2026

Proceedings of the District Task Force meeting for HPV vaccination held on 10/06/2026

A meeting of the district task force for HPV vaccination campaign was held under the chairmanship of Sh. Vinay Kumar (IAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kangra in the room No 724 NIC hall DC Office Dharamshala on 10/06/2026 at 3:00PM.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Vivek Karol, Chief Medical Officer, Kangra at Dharamshala
2. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sood, Medical Officer of Health, Kangra at Dharamshala
3. Dr. Dushyant Kumar, District Immunization Officer, O/o the Chief Medical Officer, Kangra at Dharamshala
4. Dr. Brij Nandan Sharma, Distt. Ayush Officer, O/O Distt. Ayurveda Officer, Kangra at Dharamshala
5. Mr. Ashwani Kumar, Dy. DEO, DDSE (Ele) Kangra
6. Mr. Sachin Thakur, District Panchayat Officer Kangra at Dharamshala
7. Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, DPO WCD Dharamshala
8. Mr. Raj Kumar Thapa, APRO Dharamshala
9. Mr. Sudhir Bhatia, Nodal Officer Higher Education O/o DDHE Kangra
10. Mr. Gitesh Nag HPSEBL O/o ED Dharamshala
11. ASI Rajni Thakur, ASI, O/o WPS Dharamshala
12. Smt. Rajneesh Kumari IPO, O.o GM DIC Dharamshala
13. Smt. Neelam Kumari, Supdtt. O/o DRDA Kangra at Dharamshala
14. LC. Parveen Kumari 859, Lady Constable O/o WPS Dharamshala
15. Mr. Prajesh Kumar Malhi, Lions Club Dharamshala
16. Mr. Subhash Kumar, TA, O/o DPRO Dharamshala
17. Smt. Hemlata Rana MEIO, O/o CMO Kangra at Dharamshala
18. Mr. Rajinder Sharma BCC Coordinator, O/o CMO Kangra at Dharamshala
19. Mr. Ashish Rana Comp. Asstt. O/o CMO Kangra at Dharamshala

At the outset, all the members of the district task force for HPV vaccination campaign were welcomed by Dr. Vivek Kumar Karol, CMO Kangra

1. Background

Dr. Vivek Karol, CMO Kangra welcomed the Chair, Heads of Departments and representatives from participating departments and organizations and briefed the house on the epidemiological burden of cervical cancer and the rationale for introducing HPV vaccination in Himachal Pradesh.

Further, Dr. Dushyant Kumar, DIO briefed and explained that cervical cancer affects the lower end of the uterus (cervix) and that HPV is the most common viral infection of the reproductive tract. While

most HPV infections resolve spontaneously, persistent infection can lead to cervical cancer, causing substantial morbidity and mortality globally.

He highlighted the World Health Organization's Global Strategy for elimination of cervical cancer, which aims to reduce incidence below 4 cases per 100,000 women-years through achievement of the 90-70- 90 targets by 2030:

- 90% of girls fully vaccinated against HPV
- 70% of women screened
- 90% of women with disease treated

Evidence from multi-country studies demonstrated that a single-dose HPV vaccine is highly effective, providing durable protection comparable to multi-dose schedules.

The safety of HPV vaccines was also emphasized, noting that more than 50 crore doses have been administered globally with only rare serious adverse events.

2. Vaccination Strategy

2.1 Vaccine and Platform

- Vaccine: Gardasil-4(quadrivalent: 6,11,16,18)
- Schedule: Singledose,0.5mlIM
- Injection site: Left upper arm
- Vaccination sites: Government Health Facilities only (Cold Chain Points) with:
 - Medical Officer in place
 - Internet connectivity
 - Desktop/Laptop and printer

2.2 Campaign Duration

- The current status of HPV Vaccination coverage is 26 % for district Kangra and the members were informed that current HPVcampaign further extended by three months duration

2.3 Target Population

- As per programme guidelines, girls who have completed 14years but have not yet completed 15 years are eligible for HPV vaccination. However, for the campaign period, age relaxation will be allowed up to 15 years and an additional 90 days.
 - Estimated at approximately 1% of the total population, amounting to about 8453 (as per form 3) beneficiaries in district Kangra.

The Chief Medical Officer, Kangra clarified that these figures are dynamic, as new girls will enter the eligible age group during the campaign period.

2.4 Vaccination Teams

- Vaccinator -ANM/Health Supervisor/CHO/Nurse
- Mobilisers - ASHA/AWW/Link Worker
- Verifier-Health facility Staff
- Volunteers-Field Monitor/MAS/JAS/Health Staff

2.5 Exclusion Criteria

- Girls outside the target age group
- Previously vaccinated (status to be captured in U-WIN)

- History of severe allergic reaction to the vaccine or its components
- Moderate to severe illness (vaccination to be postponed)

3. **Parent-Teacher Meetings(PTMS)-**

It was directed by Worthy Chair that HPV vaccination must be included as a specific agenda item in upcoming PTMs across the District

4. **AEFI Preparedness and Safety Measures**

Dr. Dushyant briefed the house on AEFI preparedness, highlighting Mandatory 30-minutes **post-vaccination** observation, Availability of **Anaphylaxis Kits** at all CCPs, Immediate referral to the nearest 24x7 health facility, if required, Reporting of all AEFIs through U- WIN/SAFEVAC and Ambulance linkage for emergencies

Directions of the Chair

Worthy Chairperson directed that:

- Clear District/Block-level office orders shall be issued to all Medical Officers, CCP teams and linked 24x7 institutions.
- Orders shall mandate availability of Anaphylaxis kits, ambulance readiness, referral linkage and mandatory digital reporting.
- In-charges of Cold Chain Points(Sr. MS/SMO/MO I/C)shall prepare duty rosters of Medical Officers and support staff for CCPs and linked 24x7 facilities and share the same with the concerned Chief Medical Officers.
- Blocks shall ensure full compliance prior to campaign launch.

5. **Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders**

Education Department

- » Crucial for school-based micro-planning:
- » School-wise data sharing on number of eligible girls with UDISE/institution details in the given google sheet
- » Conducting Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) prior to vaccination
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- » Mobilisation of beneficiaries to designated vaccination sites
- » Reporting and coordination in case of any AEFI among schoolchildren
- » Circulation of official instructions to public & private schools regarding HPV rollout
- » Conduction of VC with all Principals of Govt & Pvt Schools in District Kangra by Deputy Director Education in phased manner regarding sensitization and to resolve any query for ongoing campaign.

Women & Child Development (WCD) Department

- » Key role through Anganwadi and community platforms
- » Line-listing of all eligible 14-year-old girls, including out-of-school
- » Awareness generation among parents and adolescent girls at community level
- » Mobilization through AWWs during pre-campaign period

- » Support during session days for crowd management and counselling
- » Reinforcing IEC messages and addressing hesitancy

Ayurveda Department

Traditional-medicine interface for public reassurance:

- » Community-level awareness generation
- » Myth-busting regarding HPV vaccine safety
- » Participation in IEC activities
- » Support to vaccination sessions at identified Ayurveda institutions such as Paprola campus

The Public Relation Department's role is to ensure:

- » High public visibility of the campaign
- » Trust and acceptance among parents & communities
- » Swift containment of rumours or panic
- » Consistent, science-based messaging across the District

6. Industries Department

- Direct all industrial units to inform their workers about the HPV vaccination campaign and facilitate the movement of beneficiaries from bhatta sites and other locations where migrant workers are available
- Identify beneficiaries within the target age group and motivate them to mobilize to the nearest CCP (Cold Chain Point) for HPV vaccination.
- Advocacy in community networks
- Support for awareness campaigns
- Participation in mobilisation drives

7. Panchayati Raj Department

- To ensure the wide publicity through Gram Panchayats about the HPV Campaign.
- All the Panchayat members shall motivate to mobilize the eligible children from their homes.
- All other possible help shall be extended by Panchayats to make campaign a success.

8. Community Mobilisation

The Chief Medical Officer Kangra emphasized that ASHAs and community mobilisers must guide parents regarding the importance of HPV vaccination and session logistics to ensure high coverage, especially where travel distance is involved.

The Chairperson endorsed this view, stressing that informed parents would cooperate if accurate and timely information is provided.

Further the chairperson directed the education department:

1. Routine committee meeting is to be done
2. In PTM Meetings to call the parents.
3. The consent form from parents/beneficiaries may be taken already prior to vaccination.

4. Necessary directions to schools management to call the beneficiaries for vaccination.
5. To stop believing in social media reels regarding HPV Vaccination spreading false information.
6. Also internal instructions are to be disseminating by DDHE to all Private schools in district Kangra.

In the concluding remarks, worthy Chairperson reiterated the importance of strong inter-departmental coordination, robust community engagement through schools and Anganwadi, and strict AEFI preparedness to ensure a safe and successful HPV vaccination roll-out in District Kangra.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Addl. Deputy Commissioner
Kangra at Dharamshala

Endst. No.HFW/KGR/NHM/UIP/DTFI/2026 | 985-1015

Dated: 22/6/2026

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- Deputy Commissioner Kangra at Dharamshala for information please.
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- All members of the District task force on immunization for inf. & n/a please.
 - CMO Kangra at Dharamshala
 - Sr. MS Dr. RPGMC Tanda
 - SR. MS ZH Dharamshala
 - MS CH Nupur, CH Palampur
 - MOH Kangra at Dharamshala
 - CO MH Yol and MH Holta Palampur
 - The District Ayurvedic Officer, Kangra at Dharamshala
 - The Deputy Director, Elementary Education Kangra at Dharamshala
 - The Deputy Director, Higher Education Kangra at Dharamshala
 - The District Project Officer, ICDS, Kangra at Dharamshala
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 - All BMOs & SMOs, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, for inf and n/a please.


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