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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION MARKS GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY IN SEBOKENG AND MOTHIBISTAD

The Department of Basic Education will on Thursday 15 October 2020 join the world in marking Global Handwashing Day, an annual global advocacy day dedicated to increase awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap.

As the nation and indeed the world grapple with COVID19, the importance of Non-Pharmaceutical measures such as Handwashing have become more prominent. This year, in partnership with Lifebouy soap, the Department will commemorate the day with two events in Gauteng and the Northern Cape in a unique way. At the heart of this year's commemoration is a simple intention: To remind people of one of the biggest lessons that we have learnt during the pandemic - the importance of washing hands, under the umbrella of **#H4Handwashing**

Since the first Global Handwashing Day in 2008, the Department has used Global Handwashing Day to spread the word about the importance of washing hands, forge progressive collaborations and ensure safer schools. At its core the Day is designed to not only foster and support a global and local culture of washing hands with soap but also shine a spotlight on and raise awareness about its benefits.

Members of the Media are invited to attend the events as follows:

Minister Motshekga: Sedibeng West Gauteng

Date: Thursday 15 October 2020

Time: 08h30 for 09h00

Venue: [Phamehlo Primary School, 9458 Mopedi St, Sebokeng Unit 7, Sebokeng, 1983](#)

Deputy Minister Mhaule: Mothibistad, Northern Cape

Date: Thursday 15 October 2020

Time: 08h00 for 08h30

Venue: [Omang Primary School, Mothibistad](#)

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