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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Deputy Ministers visit the University of Zululand**

**Pretoria:** The Deputy Minister of Health Minister Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo together with the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science & Innovation Mr Buti Manamela will tomorrow (Tuesday, 22 February), visit University of Zululand as part of countrywide Sexual Reproductive Health awareness month activities.

Adolescents are at increased risk of HIV infection compared to other age groups. In response to the challenges facing the young people with regards to access to health services, the Department of Health has developed National Adolescent and Health policy in 2017 which recommended the establishment of youth zone as a low hanging fruit to fast track the implementation of the Adolescent and Youth Friendly services (AYFS).

Institutions of higher learning have numbers of the department of health's target group between the ages of 20-24 years. Research shows that this is a group faced with health challenges.

The Deputy Ministers will use this visit to engage in open conversation with the students to discuss their challenges and recommendations on how can the government serve them better.

### **Members of the media are invited to join the event as follows:**

**Date:** Tuesday, 22 February 2022

**Time:** From 10h00

**Venue:** University of Zululand, Kwadlangezwa (Main Campus)

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