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NOTICE: AVAILABILITY OF BIVALENT ORAL POLIO VACCINE

The Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List recommends the use of bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) for routine immunisation to protect against polio.¹ The current supplier of bOPV vaccine is unable to meet its contractual obligation resulting in a supply challenge.

The stock is currently undergoing quality testing and is expected to be distributed by the end of November 2018.

The National Department of Health will provide updated communication to Provincial Pharmaceutical Services as soon as the stock is ready to be released.

Provinces and Health Care Facilities are requested to distribute and communicate this information in consultation with their Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees.

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¹ Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List for South Africa, Primary Healthcare Level, 2018 edition
<http://www.health.gov.za/index.php/standard-treatment-guidelines-and-essential-medicines-list/category/285-phc>