



PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WEEKLY

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FOREWORD | PREMIER DR. ZAMANI SAUL |

It has been exactly one week since our President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, announced the easing of lockdown regulations to level one. The express aim of reverting to some semblance of normalcy was to open up the economy which took a severe battering since the inception of the lockdown in March this year. We have seen many businesses within the Province closing.

While we concur that both lives and livelihoods must be safeguarded, there is no room for complacency or laxity as we enter level 1 of the lockdown. The core pillars of preventing the spread of the **COVID-19** virus remain and will be with us for a while yet until a scientifically approved vaccine is found.

Therefore, we are all urged to practise frequent sanitizing or washing of hands; wearing of masks and maintaining social distance. We trust that indeed the community of the Northern Cape will heed the new regulations while simultaneously giving meaning and effect to preventative measures of not facilitating the spread of the virus by way of negligent behaviour.

We believe that the community of the Northern Cape is an extremely caring one and trust that we will exercise vigilance in adhering to all regulations which are intended to contain the effects of **COVID-19** pandemic.

Until the next, let us all remain vigilant during this period





COVID-19 RECOVERY

EMMERENTIA DIKELEDI SHUSHU

Emmerentia Dikeledi Shushu, is a 42-year-old mother of two daughters and works for the Northern Cape Department of Health as an Assistant Director in the Integrity Unit.

What made you lead to getting tested? What kind of symptoms did you experience that made you decide to get the test?

My second born was first to show symptoms (sore throat) and I took her to the doctor and she got medication. My eldest daughter was next to show symptoms, which was also just a sore throat. That's when I decided to get us all tested.

During your quarantine period, which were the worst days for you and why? Which were your worst symptoms and how did you treat them?

The results come out positive and I had the most symptoms, which was having the chills and fever, nausea and no appetite. I steamed every day and had many hot drinks (honey water, rooibos tea AND cup a soup). I took my medication accordingly with vitamin C and Zinc supplements. I meditated a lot on the Word of the Lord with prayer and that made me stronger in FAITH.

Did you experience any kind of stigmatisation about being positive? If people treated you differently how did that make you feel?

I really did not experience much stigma and want to thank my family, friends and colleagues for their prayers, messages and calls.

What are your words of encouragement and advice to people who are currently positive and fighting this virus?

I can console those who awaiting results or have tested positive with the scripture of Job 33 vs 23-30 (GOD ALWAYS COMPLETES HIS WORK). Whatever you are going through now, know that, WHEN WE PRAY GOD WILL ANSWER. We can beat this virus with spiritual strength and believe. LET US ALL TAKE HANDS AND FIGHT THIS VIRUS BY BEING CAUTIOUS CAREFUL BY DOING WHAT WE SUPPOSE TO DO.



STAY HOME - STAY SAFE

LET'S STOP
CORONAVIRUS



COVID-19

South Africans to gradually go back to living life in the new normal, being extra vigilant as we try and avoid a second wave of **COVID-19**.





INITIATION REMAINS PROHIBITED UNDER ALERT LEVEL 1

Annually, thousands of young men and women embark on a journey of initiation across the province. This year, since the declaration of the state of national disaster because of the deadly pandemic, **COVID-19**, all initiations have been halted.

According to the Disaster Management Act: Regulations: Alert level 1 during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown in terms of Prohibition of initiation practices :

73. (1) For the duration of the national state of disaster -

- (a) male and female initiation practices are prohibited;
- (b) a person may not arrange or hold an initiation school or conduct an initiation practice;

- (c) a prospective initiate may not attend an initiation school;
- (d) an owner of land may not provide consent for the use of his or her land for the holding of an initiation school; and
- (e) a traditional surgeon or medical practitioner may not perform circumcision as part of an initiation practice.

(2) The National House of Traditional Leaders and Provincial Houses of Traditional leaders must take steps to ensure that traditional leaders are aware of the content of this regulations.

The prohibition of initiation for this initiation season is meant to curb the spread of the virus.



MESSAGE BY THE PREMIER, DR ZAMANI SAUL

HERITAGE DAY



"This year we commemorate Heritage Month and Day whilst the world is waging battle against the **COVID-19** pandemic.

Added to this health emergency is our second pandemic namely Gender Based Violence (GBV), a social ill, which has become a concern at all levels of our society causing our women and girls to live in fear. We celebrate Heritage Month under the theme, "*Celebrating South Africa's living human treasures*", to promote our rich and diverse indigenous knowledge systems of South Africa, advance the profile of South Africa's outstanding indigenous knowledge holders as the moral compasses in our communities, promote the appreciation of economic potential of products, goods and services made by indigenous knowledge holders and

enhance social cohesion and nation building through indigenous knowledge. Whilst doing this we also need to create awareness around the evils of Gender Based Violence and encourage our living human treasures to champion the care of women and girl children within communities and promote "cultural appropriateness" and cultural feminism in how women and the children are meant to be spoken to and cared for as inculcated in our societal values within our history and heritage.

On behalf of the Northern Cape Provincial Government, I would like to wish all our people in the Northern Cape a happy Heritage Month. Let's all be proudly South African. Let's all be proudly African through honouring and respecting our rich cultural diversity and heritage.





SOL-PLAATJIE MUNICIPALITY INTENSIFIES SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS ALL 33 WARDS IN THE MUNICIPAL AREA

In a quest to reclaim the sparkle of the city, the Executive Mayor of the Sol-plaatjie Municipality, Mr Patrick Mabilo this week launched the Service Delivery Cluster Programme, which is aimed at ensuring, that, together we are able to work towards a cleaner city.

The first phase of the program, which is envisaged to take place

over a period of three months, will see the Municipality intensifying its work in all the 33 wards within the municipal jurisdiction.

Therefore clarion call is made out to municipal workers, community members and all other stakeholders to work together to keep the city clean.



NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO HOST A TAXI LEKGOTLA

The taxi industry has a tremendous potential to become a model for empowerment.

The industry generates revenue in excess of **R4 billion** yearly. In the Northern Cape the mini bus taxi industry is the life blood of the economy carrying more that **70%** of the work force to factories, mines, shopping malls and other places of employment.

The taxi industry has an estimated of **200 000** taxis countrywide, with the Northern Cape Province having approximately **2000** taxis on the road.

The first democratic administration in 1995, initiated the **National Taxi Task Team (NTTT)**, to find a lasting solution

for challenges facing the industry and to develop a blueprint for sustainability to ensure the taxi industry does not continue to operate in the formal sector on the side-lines of the formal economy.

The Provincial and National Taxi Lekgotla's will be about Re-Imaging a Taxi Industry of the future. Unity in the industry remains a challenge as violence, conflict - driven turf wars and leadership contestations continue.

The Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison has released the four discussion documents which are Unity and Leadership, Regulations, Empowerment Model, Professionalization and Customer Care, which are the key issues affecting the taxi industry.

We urge the taxi industry, commuters and civil society in the province to engage with the discussion documents on re-Imaging the taxi industry of the future.

The discussion documents can be accessed on the following platforms:

Website: northern-cape.gov.za or northern-cape.gov.za/dtsl

Facebook page: Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison or Northern Cape Provincial Government.



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GBV CONTACT DETAILS

Know and share these contact details:

GBV Command Centre:

0800 428 428 / *120*7867# from any cell phone

Persons with disabilities, SMS 'help' to 31531

Women Abuse Helpline:

0800 150 150

Child Line:

0800 055 555

SAPS Crime Stop:

0860 10111

GBVF-Related Service Complaints (SAPS):

0800 333 177/complaintsnodalpoint@saps.gov.za

National AIDS Helpline:

0800 012 322

National Human Trafficking Helpline:

0800 222 777

Suicide Helpline:

0800 567 567

National Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.za>

National Institute of Communicable Diseases:

<https://www.nicd.ac.za>

World Health Organisation:

<https://www.who.int>