

## #SIZOYINQOBA I-CORONAVIRUS



***Siyayinqoba ICoronavirus is a public campaign for the provincial government of KwaZulu Natal (KZN) through which it is galvanizing its citizens to participate in the response against the rapid spread of COVID-19.***

The campaign is already gaining its momentum through a series of stakeholder engagements throughout the 11 Districts in the province. These engagements started in earnest from

last weekend after KZN Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala asked all MEC Champions to visit their respective Districts and conduct engagements with various stakeholders on COVID-19.

A series of engagements have taken place with different stakeholder groups like the Media, Religious groups, Traditional leaders, Operation Sukuma Sakhe(OSS) structures, Taxi Associations etc. All

MECs together with the leadership at the local government sphere are reaching out to communities with key messages on how to take precautions in order to avoid contracting the virus

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# STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

## Port of Durban

MEC Simelane-Zulu led a delegation of Departmental officials on an inspection tour of the Port of Durban. The purpose of the visit was to scrutinise the screening protocols on travellers leaving or returning to the port, and to get first-hand experience on their application.

Commenting on the visit to the Port, the MEC said: "We're quite happy with the work that they are doing. As the Department of Health, we are part of the Joint Operational Committee of all the sectors that are operating to curb the spread of Coronavirus. By visiting points of entry such as the airports and Port of Durban, we are able to have a hands-on approach on what needs to be changed, and corrected."

"Seeing the processes that are being followed when a cruise ship arrives or leaves, we were able to pick up whether they are doing as they should. We are happy with what we've seen."

We went inside the ship and saw their isolation rooms, and got taken through the protocols that they have. We were briefed on the procedures that they would follow should there be a need to quarantine. We're quite happy that they are prepared. It was important for us to get this."

## UKZN School of Health Sciences

Earlier this week, MEC MEC Simelane-Zulu met with representatives of the University of KwaZulu-Natal's School of Health Sciences, who agreed to lend their academic expertise in public health in the fight against Coronavirus.

## King Shaka International Airport

The MEC also conducted an oversight visit at the King Shaka International Airport.

## Religious Leaders

MEC Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu and eThekweni Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda were at the Durban City Hall addressing religious leaders about the provincial coronavirus statistics and affected activities in the city, especially those of a religious nature.

Mainline religious leaders from all over the province agreed to partner with the Department and help disseminate crucial messages about COVID-19. This messaging will focus on how the virus can be prevented, what its symptoms are, and what those who exhibit these symptoms need to do to get help. The church leaders also made a commitment to spread the message, and galvanise their congregants into taking precautionary measures during the upcoming Easter weekend and beyond..

## Traditional Leaders

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial House of Traditional Leaders was addressed at the Old Legislature in Ulundi

## KZN Media

Health MEC Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu accompanied by the Head of Health Dr Sandile Tshabalala hosted a briefing for the Media in KZN (News Editors and the Journalists) at Hilton Hotel in Durban. The intention was to share information on the Coronavirus pandemic, brief them about the state-of-readiness of the Department to deal with the case load and the spread of the virus.



MEC with Department officials on an inspection tour of the Port of Durban



MEC address with religious leaders



MEC address with traditional leaders



MEC addresses Media at Hilton Hotel in Durban



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These Regulations\* are set out to stop the further spread of COVID-19 virus and minimise its effects. Anyone found in violation may be fined or imprisoned.



**SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC VISITS TO:**

Correctional Centres, Detention Facilities, Holding Cells; Military Detention Facilities; Dep of Social Development facilities for 30 days, may be extended



**ALCOHOL**

The sale, dispensing or transportation of alcoholic beverages is prohibited between 6pm-9am Mon-Sat; Sun/public holidays 1pm-9am



**ECDs**

Early Childhood Development Centres, closed 18 March - 15 April 2020, it may be extended



**FAKE NEWS**

Anyone that creates or spreads fake news about COVID-19 is liable for prosecution



**GATHERINGS**

Restricted to under 100 people



**EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT POLICY**

Accounting Officer, Dep of Public Works authorise other Deps to identify & establish quarantine sites; Accounting Officer, Municipality identify appropriate sites; Accounting Officer, Dep of Health procure resources (48hrs), recruit & train professional health workers (24 hrs)

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WHAT IS A **NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER?**



**TREATMENT**

No person with COVID-19 confirmed or suspected, may refuse medical examination, prophylaxis, treatment, isolation or quarantine



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Make available manpower, stores, equipment, ships, aircraft platforms, vehicles & facilities to support government depts, to prevent & manage COVID-19, essential services delivery



**AUTHORITY TO ISSUE DIRECTION**

...to address, prevent, curb spread of COVID-19 virus by The Ministers of Justice & Correctional Services, Basic & Higher Education, Police, Social Development & others



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\*The detailed Regulations are available on [www.sacoronavirus.co.za](http://www.sacoronavirus.co.za)



# KZN ADDS MORE HOSPITALS TO TREAT COVID19 CASES IN ALL DISTRICTS

The KwaZulu Natal Department of health is in the process of identifying new designated hospitals in every District that will deal with coronavirus cases.

Health MEC MS Nomagugu Simelane Zulu announced this during the media briefing with KZN media. "Certainly 4 hospitals are not enough. We

have decided to go beyond the 4 hospitals. We have added other hospitals now. In the eMgungundlovu district area we added two more hospitals, which is a Doris Goodwill hospital which is in Msunduzi. We also added the Richmond hospital because than we are extending the beds.

The good thing about these two hospitals is that because they are hospital that have not been used so much, they are giving us the opportunity to get more best than the best than we initially planned for. But we are doing the same thing all over the province." said MEC

## OTHER HOSPITALS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED ARE:

Clairwood Hospital in eThekweni District

GJ Crookes Hospital in Ugu District

Niemeyer Hospital in Amajuba District

A full consolidated list of all districts will be announced soon.

## REVISED HOSPITAL VISITING HOURS

# BREAKING NEWS

# ALERT

*Following the announcement of a National State of Disaster in the country by President Cyril Ramaphosa as we deal with the global pandemic that is the Coronavirus, MEC for Health in KwaZulu-Natal, Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu has announced that hospital visiting hours throughout the province will be amended until further notice.*

With the immune system of some in-hospital patients already compromised due to their ailments, the Department has a responsibility to maintain Infection Prevention and Control standards and minimize their exposure to people who could be carrying the virus unknowingly.

As of Wednesday 18 March 2020, visiting hours at all Department of Health hospitals will be limited to 1 hour, **\*during hours to be determined by hospital management/from 14h00 - 15h00\***.

Visitors will be limited to two visitors per patient and no international visitors will be allowed access to facilities.

**Members of the public are urged to co-operate.**



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## CORONA VIRUS COVID-19

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NEW VISITING HOURS AND NUMBER OF VISITORS PER PATIENT

**NEW VISITING HOURS:**  
ADDINGTON HOSPITAL

**MONDAY - FRIDAY:**  
16h30 - 17h30

**SATURDAY:**  
16h30 - 17h30

**SUNDAY:**  
16h30 - 17h30



#### VISITORS LIMITED TO TWO (2) PER PATIENT PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS NOTICE!



# KZN HEALTH MEC LAMBASTS PEDDLERS OF FAKE "CORONAVIRUS" NEWS



**KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu has hit out at people who are peddling fake news stories, describing the current period as a sensitive time that does not need to be exacerbated by unnecessary panic.**

In one incident, an image is designed to mimic a screenshot of a television news report with the title

"Three 'Rested' Positive for Corona Virus: 3 Staff Members Tested Positive for COVID 19 at KwaDabeka" (sic).

Another Facebook user purports to have exclusive information from a "source from 404 News on Dstv" that claims there are cases at Madadeni Hospital. Neither report can be confirmed by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) which the Department is closely communicating with on a daily basis. "We have laboured on this point repeatedly: only

the Minister of Health can confirm positive cases of Coronavirus.

"We therefore urge the public to only believe and share information from credible sources such as the social media pages and websites of the Department itself, the National Department of Health and the NICD.

The presence of the virus in the country is not a secret; government is committed to being transparent by keeping the public abreast with

information on up to date statistics and ongoing initiatives to curb the spread of the virus.

"Any information that puts citizens at a risk will be communicated promptly and not withheld.

We urge our fellow compatriots to understand and respect that."



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# DIFFERENT WAYS TO GREET DURING COVID19 TIMES

Government has encouraged social distancing; which means little to no contact with other persons. Here are some ways you can say hello without sharing germs:



## NAMASTE

This greeting involves holding your two palms against each other and bowing either from your waist or neck.



## “The Elbow”

This greeting involves touching your elbow against your neighbour's in a nudging fashion.



## I Heart You

Placing your hand over your heart in the same manner as that of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

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## Wave

The good old fashioned wave or even a stationary hand with the palm facing the person you're greeting



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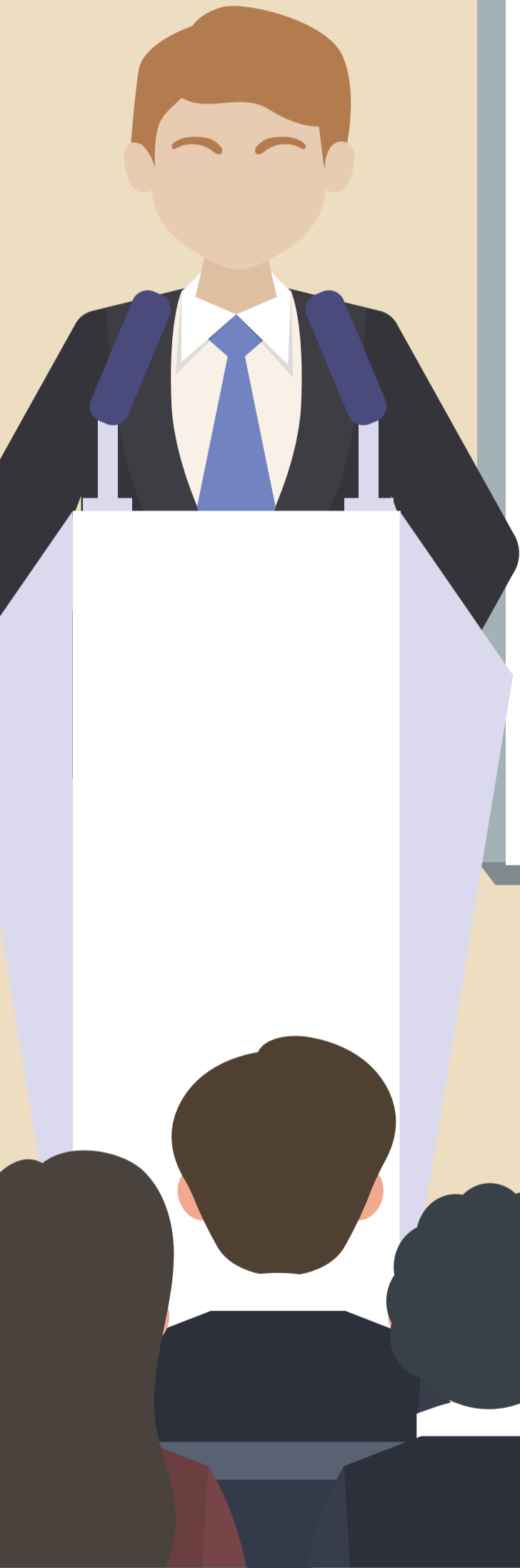


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# WHO SAID WHAT THIS WEEK



"We have now declared a national state of disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act." **President Cyril Ramaphosa**

"Tracing is going to get more difficult. This disease will be fought by society. The extent to which society fails is the extent to which we all fail." **Minister Zweli Mkhize**

"The wrong messages move faster than the right ones. We need to ensure that we are disseminating factual information and encouraging the media to do the same." **Minister Zweli Mkhize**

"We want to deal with the fake news that is out there, because the fake news that is out in the open are creating panic that is not necessary while we are asking our people to be calm." **MEC Nomagugu Simelane Zulu**

"We can say without a doubt that patient zero, who contracted the virus first, is recovering and he is ready to be discharged. More than 80% of the people who were infected globally are

now healthy and back in their communities. With us, we believe it will be the same." **Premier Sihle Zikalala**

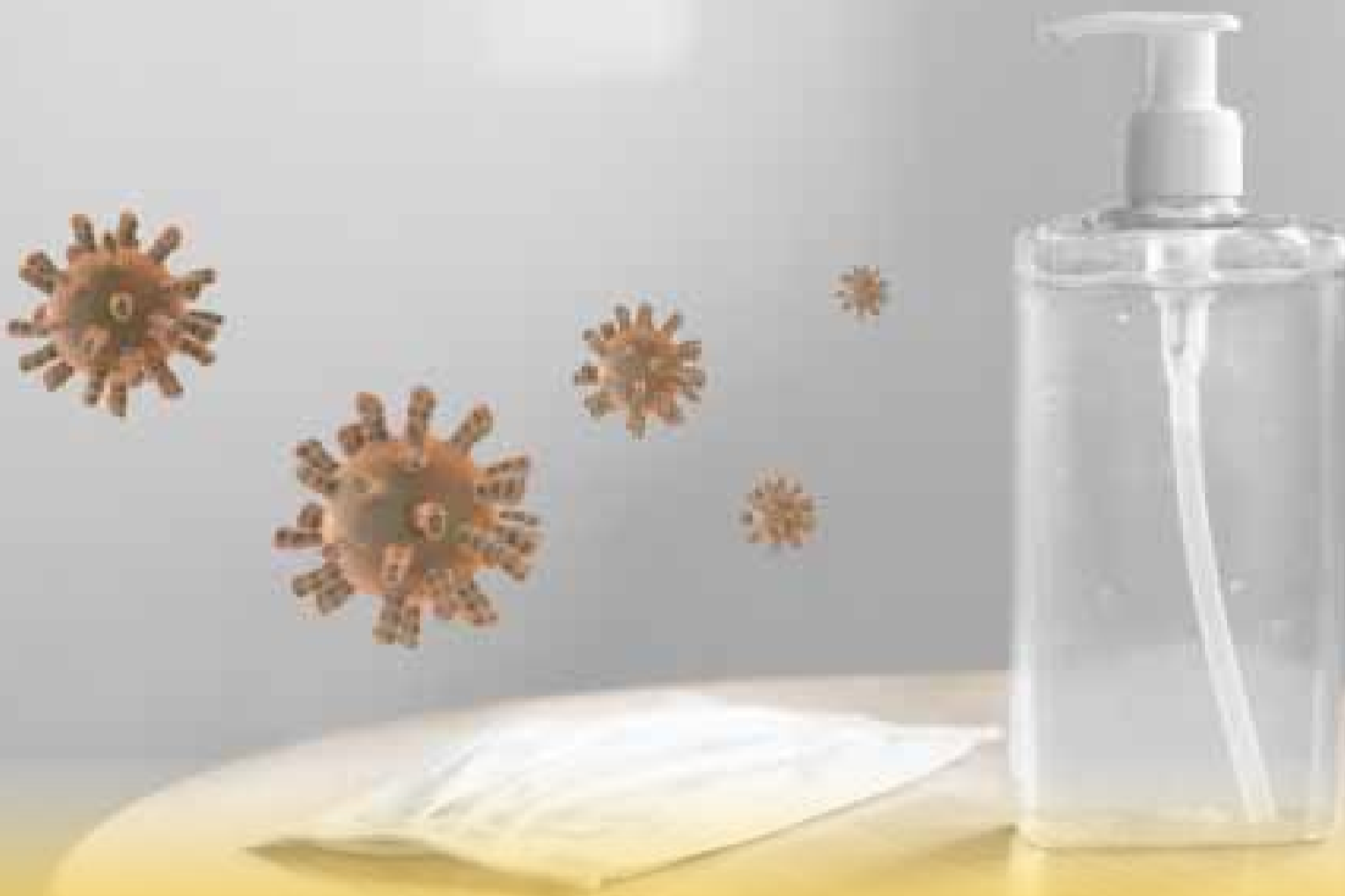
"There will be no negotiating with those holding gatherings of more than 100 people, or shebeens and pubs selling alcohol beyond 6pm to more than the regulated 50 people. Officers would enforce the law under the state of national disaster." **Bheki Cele, Minister of Police**

"No country can do it alone, the pandemic can still be controlled, preventing infections and saving lives, but it will take "unprecedented personal, national and international action." **Antonio Gutierrez, Secretary General United Nations**

"Displaced persons, asylum seekers, refugees & other people in humanitarian situations, as well as migrants and host communities, must be included in all #COVID19 preparedness and response plans. #coronavirus." **World Health Organization**







# INVENTIONS THAT SHAPED THE WORLD: HAND SANITIZER

**The entire country is on panic mode due to the coronavirus pandemic. Hand sanitisers can be seen everywhere to prevent more cases of new infections, as it successfully kills a lot of germs that could make you sick.**

For healthcare workers, hand sanitisers can prevent a lot of illnesses that could spread between patients and healthcare workers.

In 1966, a nursing student named Lupe Hernandez from Bakersfield, California, found that alcohol

could be delivered in a form of a gel which led to the discovery of hand sanitizer.

Originally it was only used in hospital settings, until it became commercialized by companies in 1988.



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# KZN HEALTH IN PICTURES

BREAKFAST MEDIA BRIEFING @ ETHEKWINI DISTRICT



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MEC ADDRESSES PROVINCIAL HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS @ ZULULAND DISTRICT



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STAKEHOLDER ADDRESS @ ETHEKWINI DISTRICT



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