

Religious leaders of the KZN dept. of health to undergo health screening at forum;

Dear Member of the Media,

The KZN Department of Health will take its partnership with religious leaders to the next level when MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo hosts a Religious Leaders Forum on Monday, 19 February 2018, at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital at 09h00.

There will also be an opportunity for the chaplains to undergo a routine health check-up by MEC Dhlomo so that they know their own health status.

The Department has contracted 30 chaplains throughout the province who are also health ambassadors. They are part of the clergy who advocate for safe sexual practices, and preach the word against social ills, and about the benefits of leading healthy lifestyles, including adhering to good nutrition and regular exercise. They are also proponents of messages regarding how to prevent or detect diseases early, and encourage the seeking of treatment for ailments such as HIV and TB; diabetes; hypertension; high blood pressure and many others.

They also encourage pregnant congregants to present at healthcare institutions for ante-natal clinics so that any possible health challenges can be detected early and managed appropriately.

Details are as follows:

DATE: 19 February 2018

VENUE: Inkosi Albert Luthuli Nurses Hall

TIME: 09h00

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