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## PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Citizens warned against sharing masks

By Mlungisi Dlamini: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Deputy Mayor of uMgungundlovu District Municipality, Councillor Sibongile Dlamini, has warned against the swapping of face masks, saying this presents great likelihood for COVID-19 infections. She was engaging with taxi drivers and rank managers at Pietermaritzburg Central on 13 May 2020, following reports received by the Provincial Command Council that people were seen sharing masks particularly at supermarkets in order to be allowed access into the shops.

The Deputy Mayor handed over about 120 cloth masks donated by MAGMA Relief Foundation to the taxi drivers. She reminded them not to allow passengers to get into taxis without wearing masks to protect others and to avoid breaking COVID-19 lockdown regulations. "Your business is mainly dependent on members of the public. If they break regulations, government will be forced to reverse to Level 5 of the lockdown and that would have a negative impact on your business," said the Deputy Mayor.



Deputy Mayor Sibongile Dlamini addressing taxi drivers and rank managers at Pietermaritzburg Central.



Taxi drivers receiving masks to protect themselves against COVID-19.



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**PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.**

**Cuban doctors join fight against COVID-19**

*By Masego Mollo: GCIS, Northern Cape*

On 18 May 2020, Northern Cape Premier Zamani Saul, together with Health MEC Mase Manopole, welcomed 11 Cuban doctors to the province, who will join other medical professionals in the fight against COVID-19. The welcoming ceremony was held at a briefing in Kimberley.

Better known as the Henry Reeve Medical Brigade, the doctors were also on the frontline of fighting widespread diseases such as Cholera in Haiti in 2010 and Ebola in West Africa in 2013.

The Cuban medical brigade are expected to, among others, strengthen and support the general epidemiological response to COVID-19 in the province, its surveillance, structures and coordination thereof in each area and also the infection and prevention measures in the districts.

The group will also be responsible for monitoring the progress made in the province's preventative strategies such as mass screening and testing, contact tracing and clinical management of the COVID-19 positive patient at home, in quarantine and isolation.



**Premier Zamani Saul and Health MEC Mase Manopole welcoming the Cuban doctors.**



**Cuban doctors during the briefing.**

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**Monitoring COVID-19 compliance**

*By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo*

Limpopo Provincial Command Council led by Premier Stanley Mathabatha visited Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality as part of monitoring compliance on the COVID-19 lockdown regulations on 19 April 2020. Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality is one of the areas where the virus is at the lowest level in Limpopo. The municipality has so far registered only one COVID-19 case and the affected person has since recovered from the virus.

Apart from monitoring adherence and compliance on COVID-19 lockdown regulations, the Command Council visited Foskor Mine, Phalaborwa Town, Namakgale and Lulekani townships, and spaza shops around Mashishimale village. A number of spaza shops were closed for non-compliance and non-adherence of the regulations and their owners were charged. The visit was dominated by roadblocks that were conducted at Lulekani, Namakgale and at the entrance of the R40. The overall observation by the council is that Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality is a leading example of people who respect the law, as adherence was at the highest level.



Government leaders monitoring street vendors in Phalaborwa.



Limpopo Provincial Command Council monitoring compliance at Lebamba Fruit and Vegetable market in Namakgale.

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### COVID-19 information blitz

By Kaone Lekgetho: GCIS, North West

On 7 May 2020, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) conducted an information blitz on COVID-19 at a shopping mall in Mahikeng. The community members were informed about regulations and restrictions that are in effect during the COVID-19 Level 4 lockdown.

Citizens expressed how the lockdown has affected their lives and their small businesses. The GCIS further distributed COVID-19 leaflets on preventative measures and pleaded with citizens to abide by the regulations aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19.



Community members of Mahikeng receiving information on COVID-19 preventative measures.