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LIMPOPO RECORDS ITS FIRST COVID 19 hospital ADMISSION AND TWO NEW CASES

Limpopo Province has recorded its first COVID-19 admission. The patient a 55 year old male who recently travelled to Nigeria, was admitted after presenting with mild to severe symptoms while in isolation at our MDR facility which has been designated to isolate all those who tests positive but are a symptomatic for close monitoring by the state.

Two new cases have been registered in Limpopo as announced by Minister Dr Zwelini Mkhize. These are medical doctors who work in Mpumalanga and share accommodation but tested positive in one of our laboratories in Waterberg district. They have since been admitted in our facility for isolation. .

Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba has once again called on community members to adhere fully to the rules of the 21 days lockdown. "We are concerned about increased number of cases, which are of people who have traveled from other parts of the country and the world. We call on our people to adhere to the 21day lockdown period as pronounced by the President" said MEC Ramathuba.

The MEC has been in contact with the doctors and our admitted patient to give them moral support and wish them speedy recovery.

Currently, the Department of Health is compiling the list of contacts of the two doctors in Limpopo in collaboration with the Mpumalanga department of health.

The two cases brings to 14 the total number of total COVID-19 cases in the province. Waterburg (8), Capricorn (3), Vhembe (2) Mopani (1).

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