

Media Statement
To All Media
17 April 2020

LIMPOPO PROVINCE RECORD FIRST FATALITY OF COVID-19

Limpopo Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba regret to announce the first fatality of COVID-19 in the province. The patient was an elderly male person with underlying illnesses, which increased his susceptibility to COVID-19 and passed away at Netcare Pholosho on the morning of 15 April 2020.

The patient was admitted to the hospital via emergency department on 07 April 2020. The patient on admission, was risk assessed and screened for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure as per the Netcare protocol, which is aligned to the the NICD guidelines.

After the test came positive, number of additional measures were carried out to safeguard patients, healthcare professionals, workers and administrative staff to ensure that they remain safe and fully protected

The department immediately advised on precautionary COVID-19 measures to a group of 100 doctors, staff and patients by placing them to a 14 day home quarantine on Thursday, 12 April 2020

Health MEC and Netcare Pholosho health facility have extended their heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased and his loved ones and as such there will be a press briefing regarding the matter.

The press briefing will be held as follows:

Venue : Netcare Pholosho Polokwane
Date: 17 April 2020
Time: 14h30

End

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