

## Media Statement

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### HEALTH MEC CONCERNED BY THE RAPID RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE

Limpopo Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba has noted as anticipated with serious concerns the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases in the Province. Limpopo province has recorded its first COVID 19 case on the 16th March 2020 and since then we have always seen at most a maximum increase of two cases within 24hours. It is for the first time that in 24hours we recorded an increase of 8 cases. This has been attributed by the transition from level 5 to level 4, interprovincial window period movements and most critical resumption of operations by mines especially around Sekhukhune and Waterberg.

To date, 54 cases have been recorded cumulatively, with 30 recoveries and 21 cases remaining active and in isolation. One patient is admitted in ICU This is a 66 years old who was diagnosed and admitted in a facility in Gauteng and his daughter fetched him. He was discovered by our tracer teams while at his home with severe respiratory distress. He is a known patient in Gauteng with comorbidities. We wish him speedy recovery

"Let's continue to observe the rules and regulations as mandated by our government. Washing hands with soap or using alcohol based sanitizer, observing social distancing, wearing of masks or cloth in public and staying home must remain our daily practice. By so doing , will can avoid the spread of this virus." said MEC Ramathuba.

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