

Media Advisory

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# HEALTH MEC DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA TO VACCINATE NURSES AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba will today lead a team of Public Health professionals who will be vaccinating the nurses and other health care professionals with the N1H1 vaccine that protect against the normal seasonal flue.

H1N1 vaccine is an influenza vaccine that was developed to protect against the pandemic H1N1/09 virus. Influenza vaccines also known as flu shots or flu jabs, are vaccines that protect against infection by the influenza virus. These vaccines either contained inactivated influenza virus, or weakened live virus that could not cause influenza.

It has been noted that all the health care professionals are now in the front line dealing with Coronavirus, and as such do need this protection as they will be helping thousands of people during this lockdown period and beyond.

The MEC has made a call that all the health care professionals in the province be vaccinated. The vaccine will be distributed to all health facilities in Limpopo Province where they will be vaccinated.

The vaccination has been scheduled as follows :

Venue : Pieterburg Hospital

Date : 25 March 2020

Time : 14h00

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