



THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

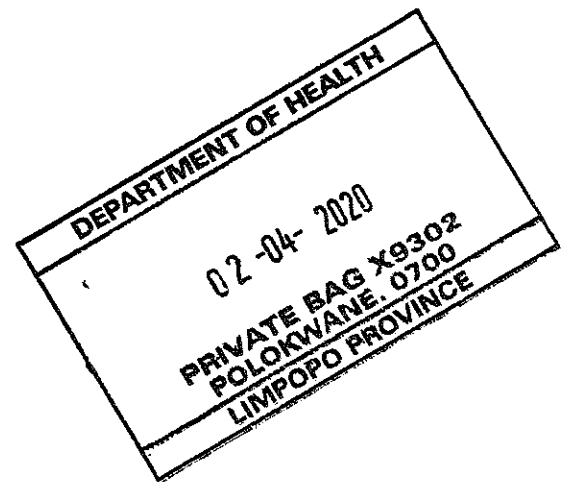
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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF VISITING HOURS IN HOSPITALS DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

1. Following the lockdown pronouncement, the department has noted continued crowding at hospitals despite the limitation to one visit of one hour per day. The visitors are posing a risk of spreading coronavirus to the already vulnerable patients admitted at hospitals.
2. It is against this background that the department is suspending all hospital visits to patients until further notice.
3. Hospitals should supply families with contacts details for the ward during the admission process to enable families to enquire telephonically the condition of their loved ones. Families will be contacted by the hospitals as and when it is required.
4. Date of implementation: Immediately

Your cooperation in this regard will be much appreciated.

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