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DELTA VARIANT OF COVID-19 DETECTED IN LIMPOPO

The Limpopo Department of Health wishes to inform members of the public that the rapid spreading Delta Variant of the COVID-19 has been detected in Limpopo.

The department believes that the variant might be responsible for the rapid spike of COVID-19 cases and driving the third wave in the province. Figures in the province jumped from 385 cases on Tuesday to 1780 cases on Saturday.

Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba says the time to be extra careful is now. "Our people need to understand that this variant will make it extra difficult to keep numbers low. Therefore, we need to warn that there is an urgent need for an extreme turn around in behavioural change," said MEC.

This week, the province has also seen increased numbers on low age categories. 67 cases of children between 0- 9 years have been reported while 638 cases are for people between 15 to 34. With the discovery of the Delta Variant, unrepentant behavioural patterns such as social and political gatherings are a recipe for disaster.

"If our people will continue to defiantly organize parties and other social jamborees, the spread will be too difficult to contain," warns the MEC.

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LIMPOPO HEALTH MEC DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA TO LAUNCH COVID-19 VACCINATION OF CITIZENS AGED 50 AND ABOVE

Limpopo Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba will launch the COVID-19 vaccination of citizens aged 50 and above as part of stepping up the fight against Covid-19 at Sterkrivier Farm in the Waterberg District.

The launch comes after the Delta variant of COVID-19 has been detected in Limpopo province. The department has for past few weeks seen Covid-19 cases increasing rapidly which signal the province having entered the 3rd wave.

"Anyone 50 years and older can register for their Covid-19 Vaccination using the Electronic Vaccination Delivery System (EVDS), WhatsApp, or SMS so that they can be vaccinated. This time we are extending our outreach vaccination program to the farms." said MEC Ramathuba.

The official launch of citizens aged 50 and above is scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, 05 July 2021

Venue: Sterkrivier Farms (Mogakakwena Municipality- Waterberg District)

Time: 14h00

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