



Province of the
Northern Cape
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WEEKLY

TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2020

FOREWORD | PREMIER DR. ZAMANI SAUL |

This weekend, on the 18th July 2020 we celebrated the birthday of South Africa's first democratically elected President, Ntate Nelson Mandela. A great man, who became the hope of many in our country during the apartheid era and the world over. The story of Ntate Nelson Mandela is one of great hope, a political prisoner turned president.

A countless reminder to all of us that there is always hope. His sacrifices remind us of what an immense impact one man can have. The unprecedented global pandemic, requires us, to above all, have hope, hope that one day we all return back to a normal life where we will be able to visit family and friends, enjoy the beautiful summers of the Province of extremes, but in the meantime, we need to ensure that we work together with the Provincial Government to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. We need to ensure that we stay home, wash our hands regularly for at least 20 seconds and sanitize. By observing these hygiene protocols we are one step closer to winning the battle against this virus.

With the number of **COVID-19** cases on the upsurge in our province and across the country, there has been great concern about both learners and teachers who have had to return to school in order to complete the current academic year. When matriculants returned to school, as Provincial Government we were cognisant of the fact that many schools would need to close down for periods of time, to allow for disinfections.

The closure of schools, much like the closure of some Government buildings, for a period of time, comes as no surprise as we are dealing with

an invisible and unprecedented virus. We have and continue to do everything in our power as government, investing as many resources, to ensure that we lessen the impact of this virus on our school learners and therefore would like to urge parents, learners and educators to remain calm during this period, make sure that we practice good hygiene.

This week we share the recovery story of Mr Neo Masegela, the Mayor of the Gasegonyana Municipality, who is currently recovering at home. We will share many of these stories to encourage those who might have tested positive for the virus and are undergoing treatment whether at hospital or at home.

Today I will launch the Provincial Inter-departmental Task Team on Gender Based violence which is envisaged to look at pragmatic ways and means to strengthen and consolidate Provincial Government's capacity in fighting Gender Based Violence. The war against Gender Based Violence is a war that will need both Government and communities to work together to ensure that we tackle this pandemic head on. We need to, as Government and communities come together and make sure that the most vulnerable in our communities are safe especially during the country's lockdown. The task team will work with different stakeholders across the Province to win this battle.

STAY SAFE



NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES A GENDER BASED VIOLENCE INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASK TEAM

Due to the increase in the number of reported cases of Gender Based Violence in the Northern Cape, the Premier Dr Zamani Saul, will establish a Gender Based Violence Inter-departmental Task Team.

The task team will meet on a weekly basis with the following objectives;

- Assess and evaluate progress made by the Province in our fight against Gender Based Violence
- Look at Pragmatic ways and means to strengthen and consolidate Provincial Government Capacity in fighting GBV
- Convene regular stakeholder engagements

The task team will be constituted as follows:

Coordinator: Premier, Dr Zamani Saul

Convener: MEC Nomandla Bloem

MEC Social Development: MEC Nontobeko Vilakazi

MEC Education: MEC McCollen Jack

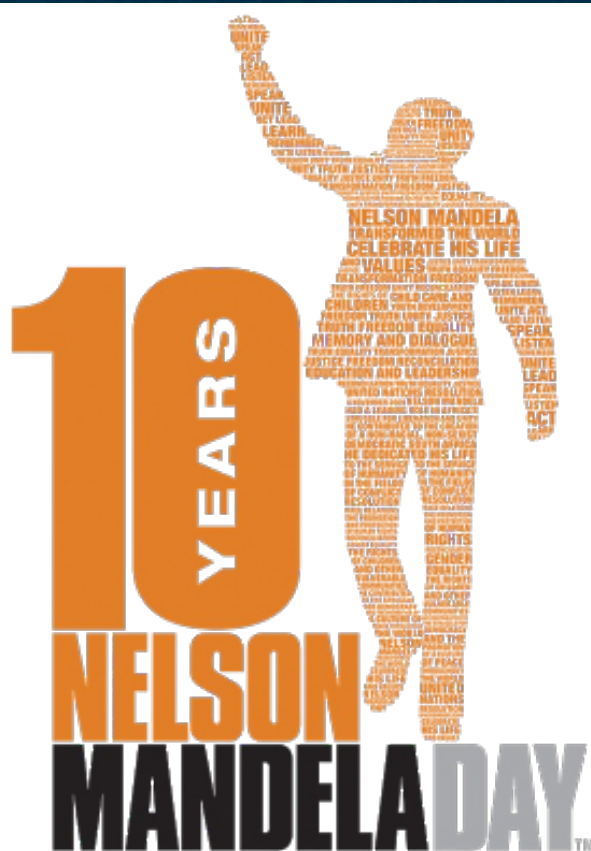
MEC Health: MEC Maruping Lekwene

The task team will give weekly reports of the work done, together with the different stakeholders.



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MANDELA MONTH 2020 THEME

IS TO ACT, INSPIRE CHANGE,
AND MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED
TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE **EACH1FEED1**
CAMPAIGN.



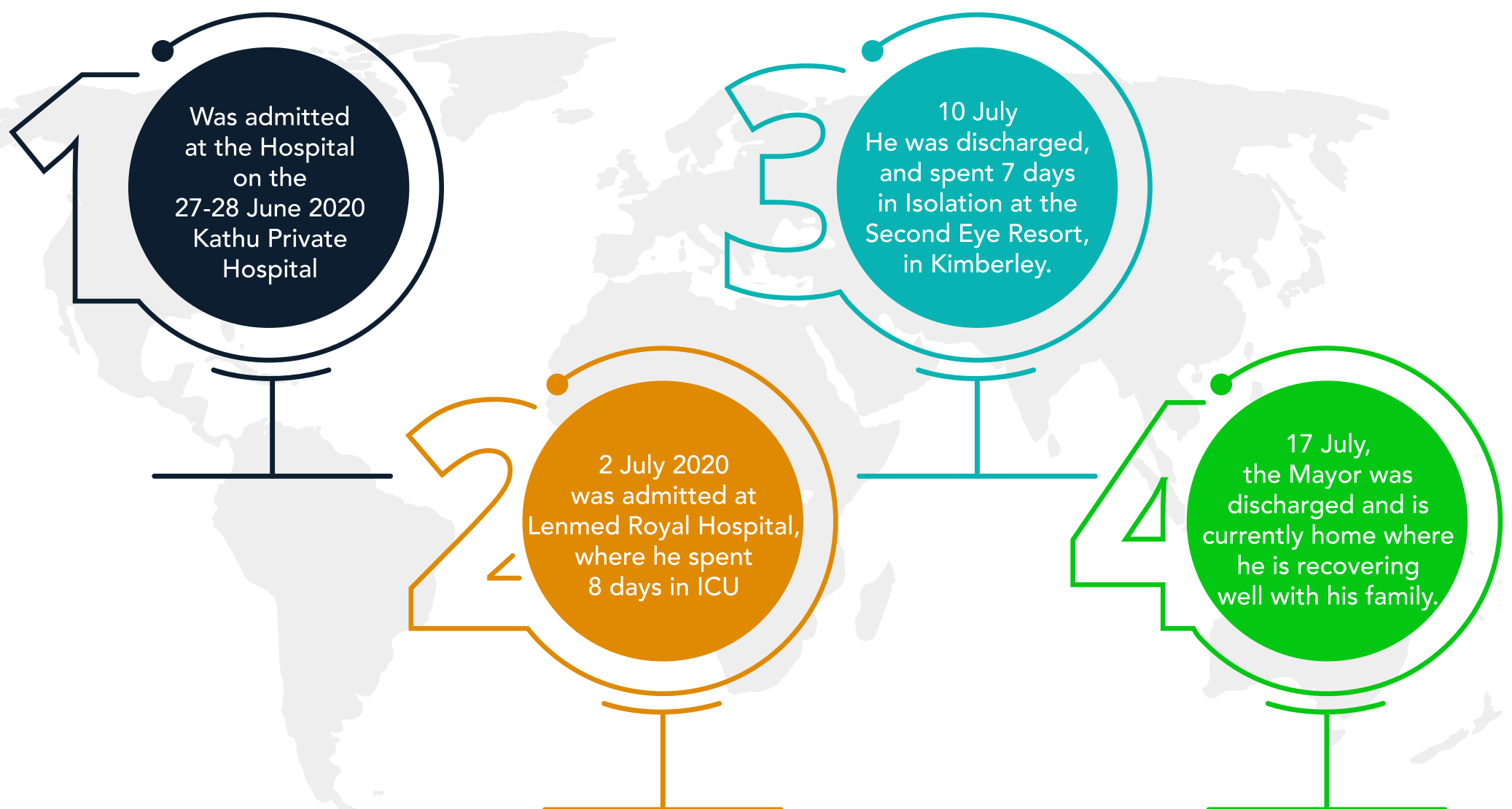
GASEGONYANA MUNICIPALITY MAYOR NEO MASEGELA'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

On the 11th March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared **COVID-19** a pandemic, this due to the rapid increase in the number of cases outside China after just two weeks affecting a growing number of countries.

As a Province we are experiencing an upsurge in **COVID-19** related cases, where more and more this virus is hitting home and those close to us are testing positive for the virus. We need to remain vigilant and alert at all times, stay safe and remain at home unless it is absolutely necessary to go out.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

THIS WEEK WE SHARE WITH YOU THE STORY OF THE MAYOR OF THE
GASEGONYANA MUNICIPALITY, MR NEO MASEGELA



Tune into our social media pages and listen to his and many other stories of how many people across the Province have survived COVID-19



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: CHILDREN AND COVID-19

ARE CHILDREN AT A LOWER RISK OF COVID-19 THAN ADULTS

According to the World Health Organisation, children are less often reported as cases compared with adults and the illness they experience is usually milder. From data reported to WHO, children and adolescents up to 18 years of age represent 1 to 3% of reported infections, even this age group makes up 29% of the global population.

While children may be less affected, they may also have greater number of contacts in schools and community settings. Further studies are underway to assess the risk of infection in children and to better understand the transmission in this age group.

WHAT IS THE INCUBATION PERIOD FOR CHILDREN

The incubation period for children is the same as in adults. The time between exposure to **COVID-19** and when symptoms start is commonly around 5-6 days and ranges from 1 to 10 days



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GBV CONTACT DETAILS

Know and share these contact details:

GBV Command Centre:
0800 428 428 / *120*7867# from any cell phone
Persons with disabilities, SMS 'help' to 31531

Women Abuse Helpline:

0800 150 150

Child Line:

0800 055 555

SAPS Crime Stop:

0860 10111

GBVF-Related Service Complaints (SAPS):
0800 333 177/complaintsnodalpoint@saps.gov.za

National AIDS Helpline:

0800 012 322

National Human Trafficking Helpline:

0800 222 777

Suicide Helpline:

0800 567 567

National Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.za>

National Institute of Communicable Diseases:

<https://www.nicd.ac.za>

World Health Organisation:

<https://www.who.int>

