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LETSEMENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DECLARE WAR AGAINST THE SPREAD OF THE CORONA-VIRUS & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



MAYOR LETSEMENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: Hon: ABRAM MOLAHLELE LEBAKA

South Africa is in the second wave of COVID-19 which necessitates immediate behavioural change from all citizens including Letsemeng residents. With humility, as the Mayor of Letsemeng, I urge all residents to:

- Play your part! – We all need to work together to fight the second wave of COVID-19.
- We all need to continue adhering to health protocols and prepare for a different year during 2021
- Refrain from attending super spreader events and avoid large gatherings.
- Wear your mask it is mandatory by law. Remember there are other more painful things than wearing a mask, such as the loss of a loved one - so wear a mask,
- Let's not forget to wash our hands and practice social distance.

I gracefully call on all Our Ward Committees, ANC Branches including other political parties, NGOs, FBOs & NPOs to become agents of change –

- Let's all come together and educate others to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- For those with smart devices; please download the COVID-19 Alert App as a measure to protect yourself and those around you.

Remember the power to defeat coronavirus is in our hands.

- As the country gradually opens up, and as we resume more activities, the risk of infection inevitably increases.
- Through our personal and collective actions we can continue to delay the rate of infection across society.
- The most effective defences against the virus are the simplest; everyone must continue to wash hands, sanitise and adhere to safety measures.
- When in public space, wear a face mask at all times and maintain a safe distance.

Gender-Based Violence

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 lockdown has witnessed an increase in domestic violence and abuse, leaving women vulnerable and in danger.

As a nation and as the community of Letsemeng we cannot only be shocked and horrified at the brutal killings of women and children.

It is time that the community of Letsemeng go beyond shock and move to concrete actions to end the scourge of GBV. The lives of women who had families, loved ones, and hopes and dreams cannot be reduced to mere statistics.

As a community of Letsemeng, we must stand up and say no more! It is the responsibility of all of us to end the culture of silence around gender-based violence and report perpetrators to the police.

All of us, whether in our communities or in our homes must do all we can to promote and protect the rights of women and children.

I can commit today, that, through my office in collaboration with all stakeholders including various organised organisations, we will roll-out vigorous programs in order to stop the scourge of GBV.

Public Participation

Fellow citizens of Letsemeng, all the above can only be successful with your involvement and commitment to participate.

Henceforth; I call upon all structures of the ruling party within Letsemeng, different political affiliations, NGOs, NPOs, and all other structures to join me in ensuring we defeat all challenges that we are facing today.

Challenges of unemployment, poverty inequality, including the two pandemics the country is currently facing which includes; the rapid spread of the corona-virus and the new one of Gender-based violence.

Ward Committees and our dedicated Community Development Workers plays a pivotal role in the development of any community, therefore I call upon all our ward committees and CDWs to get involved.

I am appealing to all residents of Letsemeng to stop flouting the lockdown regulations

Stakeholder relations

Let me express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to all government departments in the sterling way they handling the crisis we faced with. Our law-enforcement, you really doing a marvellous job by keeping our community safe. Keep up the good work. I am however quite concerned about the illicit trading of alcohol that is still ravaging our communities. I am appealing to you to reinforce your strategies to arrest the situation.

Department of Health, your commitment and dedication to keep our communities healthy and alive is remarkable.

Social development, SASSA your contribution doesn't goes unnoticed. Let's all work together. As the governing Party says; Unity is Sacrosanct. Let's reignite our Local JOC because through JOC we could achieve a lot.

Petra diamonds; thanks for your efforts in the way you rapidly managed to reduce your infection rate.

Conclusion

In Conclusion; I would like to thank my colleagues, Ward Councillors, PR councillors including the councillors from the opposition for your support and commitment in the fight against the virus and moving the municipality to a greater heights.

It is of paramount importance that we clap together our different skills, knowledge and experience in order to make this municipality to sparkle, I am of the strongest conviction that I can count on you because you have shown me that you are indeed reliable. And for that I am forever grateful.

Let's establish ward based watsApp groups and ward or town-based corona virus committees.

2021 is the year to be safe with prosperity

Let's all practice health safety protocols in order to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

With the second wave of COVID-19 raging on - we all need to be on guard and practice caution.

On behalf of the Council of Letsemeng local Municipality, we wish all residents a prosperous and successful New year.

Happy New Year Cllr A.M. Lebaka

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On 28 December 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that South Africa would move to an adjusted level 3 with immediate effect.

The adjusted level 3 regulations were gazetted on 29 December 2020 and contain further restrictions and stricter penalties for non-compliance with a view to curbing the spread of the virus while retaining a functioning economy insofar as possible.

Municipal employees will gradually return to work from Monday 11 January 2021 at the height of a second coronavirus wave and alongside the reintroduction of new restrictions.

As part of precautionary measures; the municipality has deemed it necessary to engage the department of health to train all screeners on infection prevention and control at the work place.

In terms of the adjusted level 3 regulations, an employer has the following obligations and responsibilities:

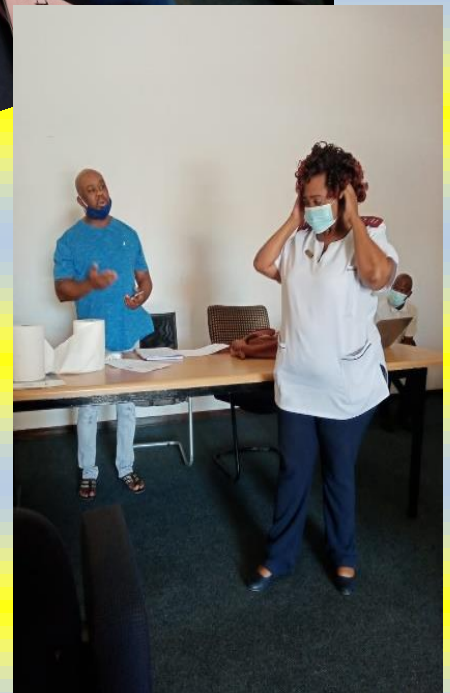
- To adhere to all sector-specific or other health and safety protocols issued to date;
- Prohibit employees from entering the workplace or performing their duties unless an employee is wearing a face mask;
- Provide hand sanitizers inside and outside its premises. Ensure all persons queuing either inside or outside their premises maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres;

Mr Jimmy Mokgwetsi: Compliance Officer



Screeners

Municipal Screeners



Sister Grace Nozipho Mothobie



Acting Director: Cooperate Service: Mr



Segomotso Qwelane