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MEC MAMABOLO INTERVENES TO ENSURE COVID-19 CONTRACT NURSES ARE PAID THEIR SALARIES

The Acting MEC for Health Jacob Mamabolo has moved to assure nurses who were appointed on COVID-19 contracts that their salaries would be processed by end of August 2020.

This assurance comes after reports surfaced over the weekend alleging that at least 80 COVID-19 contract nurses at Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital had not been paid their July salaries.

MEC Mamabolo has since directed the Department to compile a consolidated report on COVID-19 human resource related issues at all facilities by the end of this week to ensure that health workers are not inconvenienced any further.

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has appointed over 681 nurses during this financial year to augment its workforce as part of the COVID-19 response in the Province.

A total of R500 million has been budgeted for contracting various categories of workers across all institutions, inclusive of all categories of nurses.

“It is simply unacceptable that workers are not paid. We cannot expect frontline workers to lead the fight against the Coronavirus while on the other hand we are letting them down in terms of their remuneration,” said MEC Mamabolo.

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