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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Gauteng prepares for third wave with the opening of new hospital**

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A new hospital in Carletonville, West Rand opened its doors on Friday, 14 May 2021 following the commitment made by Gauteng Premier, David Makhura in May last year to provide support to the mining industry to curb the spread of the Coronavirus.

The facility was donated by AngloGold Ashanti mine and reconstructed by the Gauteng Provincial Government. The hospital is part of the COVID-19 Infrastructure building Program initiated to enable Gauteng through the Department of Health to deliver on COVID-19 containment strategies.

The Anglo Gold Ashanti hospital is now fully functional with 181 ICU and HCU beds, pharmacy, admin and admission areas, radiology, laboratory, and physiotherapy units.

The facility implemented under the National Disaster Act has been fitted with a decontamination area and a central sterile supply department to curb the spread of the Coronavirus.

The hospital will also be home to the Emergency Medical Services unit previously housed in Wedela, Merafong City.

Opening the new hospital, Premier Makhura said health infrastructure is central to the provincial government's health response.

"Our investment in this area is critical to our response against the COVID-19 pandemic. We saw an opportunity as the provincial government to take over the hospital following its closure," said Premier Makhura accompanied by the MEC for Infrastructure Development, Tasneem Motara and MEC for Health, Dr Nomathemba Mokgethi.

The hospital is a public facility that will aid in extending healthcare to communities in the West Rand. This is expected to relieve pressure on Carletonville and Leratong hospitals.

The hospital was commissioned during the peak of the Coronavirus when the West Rand was declared a COVID-19 hotspot after 196 miners tested positive for COVID-19 at the AngloGold Ashanti Mponeng Mine.

Infection rates have doubled in Gauteng in the last four days. The province has now entered the third wave, with new strains of the novel Coronavirus emerging in different parts of the country.

Premier Makhura said the priority of government is now on slowing down the infection rate and increasing the pace of the vaccination process.

The Sisonke programme, targeting healthcare workers will be concluding on Saturday, 15 May 2021. The province will commence with phase 2 1b of the vaccination programme on Monday, 17 May 2021. This will be a concurrent vaccination process of the elderly above the age of 60 years and healthcare workers who did not get vaccinated in the implementation study phase.

The Gauteng Provincial Government has set up a call centre to assist the elderly with the registration process. Members of the public can access the help service on 0860 428 8364 or by visiting <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>

The province will also be opening a new clinic in Greens Park, Fochville at the end of May that will form part of the National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot phase rollout, with Merafong Greens Park being the identified rollout area.

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