

Premier David Makhura visits automotive sector to assess health and safety protocols

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Gauteng Premier, David Makhura, today, 20 May 2020, conducted visits to automotive sector factories as the province prepares for alert Level three of the national lockdown, pending the decision by the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC).

The Premier, together with MEC's for Health and Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Bandile Masuku and Morakane Mosupye respectively, visited the BMW and Nissan manufacturing plants in Rosslyn, Tshwane to assess compliance with health and safety protocols.

Premier Makhura said all sectors of the economy should get ready for the easing of the lockdown regulations, whilst emphasising that employers will be required to provide a workplace risk assessment plan that should include, but not limited to, the provision of screening and testing facilities, sanitary and social distancing measures and measures to protect vulnerable employees.

The Premier urged all businesses to prioritise the health and safety of all employees.

"We urge every business that is currently operating in Gauteng, as well as those that are preparing to open to take steps to protect their employees and prioritise their health and safety. We want to prioritise the saving lives as we reopen the economy," Premier Makhura said.

The Premier said where possible, employees should be encouraged to work from home to limit the risk of transmission of the virus.

Premier Makhura also announced that the province, working with the BMW/Nissan manufacturing plants, is currently finalising plans for the establishment of a field hospital which will service the Rosslyn and Soshanguve communities, and surrounding areas.

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