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MEC MAMABOLO JOINS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS ON DOOR TO DOOR CAMPAIGN

The Acting MEC for Health, Jacob Mamabolo today joined teams of Community Health Workers on a door-to-door campaign for screening and testing at Emfuleni sub-district which is an emerging hotspot in Sedibeng District.

The Gauteng Provincial Government has adopted a strategy targeting areas identified as hotspots like Emfuleni Sub-District as they have a high prevalence of COVID-19 active cases.

Screening and testing through ward-based approach remains a key strategy to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. All spheres of government including social partners are working together as part of the ward-based strategy to minimise community transmission through:

- Identification of positive cases and expeditiously tracking and tracing contacts
- Administering medical management to those who need it
- Decongesting clinics
- Referring people to quarantine and isolation sites based on assessment
- Heightening awareness and education

The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Emfuleni Sub-District as at 17 August 2020 sits at 10 099 with 6997 recoveries and 188 deaths.

The Sedibeng District has so far screened 1 015 106 people and conducted 46 642 tests.

As part of ensuring that healthcare workers are protected from infections, MEC Mamabolo also handed over much needed PPE to Sebokeng Hospital and Johan Heyns Community Health Centre staff who are in the forefront in the fight against Coronavirus.

MEC Mamabolo stated that the hard work by health workers and all other stakeholders has paid off so far. He cautioned that there is a risk that the gains we have made since the declaration of a national state of disaster in March can be undermined if we drop our guard in the fight against COVID-19.

“As we have now moved to Level 2 lockdown we need to remain vigilant and ensure that we continue wearing masks, practice social distancing and observing the hygiene golden rules of washing hands or using sanitisers. These remain a powerful weapon in our hands to protect ourselves and those around us,” said Mamabolo.

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