

MEDIA STATEMENT

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RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON VISITING HOURS IN GAUTENG HEALTH FACILITIES

The Gauteng Department of Health has with immediate effect-imposed restrictions to visiting hours at health facilities across the province.

As of today (19 March 2020) visiting hours will be limited to one hour per day between 12h00-13h00.

Further restrictions will apply as follows:

- •A patient will be allowed a maximum of 2 visitors per day.
- •Only 1 visitor per patient will be allowed at a time, for no more than 15 minutes.
- •There will be no rotation of visitors.
- •No visitors will be allowed outside of the specified visiting hours.
- •Any visits outside the prescribed time, arrangements must be made and authorized by the attending doctor.

The restrictions follow the declaration of the COVID-19 outbreak as a national state of disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act by President Cyril Ramaphosa and the announcement of the Gauteng Provincial Government response measures.

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