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VIOLENT PROTESTS HINDER PROVISION OF SERVICES IN GAUTENG

The Gauteng government remains concerned of the impact the recent sporadic acts of violence and lawlessness in parts of the province are having on the provision of services across the province.

The current volatile environment has seen the people of Gauteng struggling to get to their places of employment due to limited access, and services being disrupted across the province.

To this end, some provincial government services, including vaccination sites in the affected areas, have had to temporarily close due to safety concerns by both the staff and members of the public. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) teams are equally experiencing difficulty in responding to distress calls in communities due to limited access.

The situation is being assessed by the provincial law enforcement agencies who are now being assisted by the South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

As Gauteng and the country are still in the midst of a deadly pandemic, the provincial government remains concerned at the potential spread of COVID-19 during such super-spreader events. Hospital admissions continue to increase and are placing a heavy strain on the healthcare system in both public and private sectors.

The provincial government appeals to the people of Gauteng to act responsibly and desist from lawless acts that result in disruptions of much needed services by the citizens of Gauteng.

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