



## GAUTENG PROVINCE

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE AT HEIDELBERG HOSPITAL AFFECTS SERVICES**

The Gauteng Department of Health would like to advise the public that due to water supply challenges from Lesedi Local Municipality and Rand Water, certain services at Heidelberg Hospital have been suspended.

Non-emergency services such as the Outpatient Department, operations at Sizanempilo Clinic and Elective Surgeries have been temporarily suspended while the municipality and Rand Water attend to the water supply problem. Only emergency cases will be attended to during this period.

The facility has experienced water supply problems since Sunday night (19 March 2023). This has led to contingency measures kicking in with Lesedi Local Municipality, South African National Defence Force in Heidelberg and Oranje Rivier Tankers continuously filling-up the hospital's reservoir frequently. This measure is, however, not sufficient to sustain the full complement of services at the hospital.

The Department appeals for patience as the water supply issue is receiving attention from the relevant authorities. Patients are advised to make use of local clinics to access services in the meantime. Other cases requiring a higher level of care will be referred to nearby hospitals.

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