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MEDIA STATEMENT
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OFFICIAL OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY TESTS POSITIVE TO COVID-19

Today Sekhukhune District Municipality received confirmation that an official located in the Office of the Executive Mayor has tested positive to COVID-19.

This official is now in self-isolation and is following health protocols.

This is a first positive COVID-19 case involving employees of the district municipality.

Executive Mayor Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila and the official who tested positive have not had close contact in recent times.

But as a precautionary measure, the Executive Mayor has tested, awaits the results and he'll remain in isolation in the meantime.

Equally, officials who have had close contact with our colleague were tested by Health Department officials, immediately after the matter was brought to the attention of management.

In addition, all municipal officials who've been physically reporting for duty at the headquarters will be tested.

As a result, the municipal headquarters in Groblersdal will be closed for fumigation.

Ratepayers are encouraged use EFT as an alternative method to pay for services.

The offices will reopen on Monday 29 June 2020.

Executive Mayor Ramaila urges all the staff members to remain calm. "We understand the seriousness of this matter, but we call on all our officials to observe health protocols as they await the results of their tests.," says Ramaila.

"We also wish our colleague who tested positive a speedy recovery during this difficult time," Ramaila adds.

The Executive Mayor reiterates that members of the public should observe health precautions because coronavirus remains with us.

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