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MEDIA STATEMENT
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THE WAR AGAINST CORONA VIRUS IS GETTING TOUGHER, BUT IT MUST BE WON.

The situation is worsening!

But, while the dreaded corona virus is on a rampage, it can be stopped in its tracks if we all play our part.

This is according to the Sekhukhune District Command Council,(DCC) which today (Tuesday 12) held its first meeting of 2021.

The DCC has noted that by 1pm on Monday 11th January 2020, Sekhukhune District recorded 69 new COVID-19 cases for the past twenty-four hours.

This brought the number of active cases in the district during the same period to 536. Sadly, 83 people died of corona virus complications.

Between 21 December 2020 and 11 January 2021, the district recorded 1100 new infections.

The following areas are leading the infection rate:

FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

-Apel, Mohlaletsi, Mashifane Park, Praaktiseer and Steelpoort (Helena, Magareng, Thornkliff, Modikwa and Two Rivers Mines)

MAKHUDUTHAMAGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

-Ga Moloi, Glen Cowie, Riverside, Marishane, Madibong, Mamone & Dichoeung

ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Dennilton, Moteti, Elandsdoorn , Malaeneng Groblersdal Town, Motetema, Tafelkop and Monsterlus.

EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Marble Hall Town, Leeuwfontein, Elandskraal, Morarela, Tsimanayana, Mooihoek, Mashemong, Letebejane, Tooitskraal, Maklerekeng and Ga Botha.

Chairperson of the DCC Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila urges the people of Sekhukhune to play their part in ending the COVID-19. "A behavioural change is needed. We must all understand the strain, the pain, the economic devastation and all other destructions caused by this virus," says Ramaila.

"People must avoid social gatherings, they're all prohibited," he adds.

The DCC appeals to every bereaved family in the district to collect a checklist as it prepares to bury their loved ones, irrespective of whether the cause of death was Covid-19 or not, from their local ward councillors or funeral parlours.

Only 50 people or less must attend a funeral.

People are urged to avoid physical contacts with others and crowded places, while complying with all other health protocols.

The DCC observed a moment of silence in remembrance of our departed Majesty, King Thulare Victror Thulare III of the Bapedi nation, frontline workers and all residents of Sekhukhune Districts who succumbed to Covid-19.

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