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WORRIES OVER INCREASING COVID-19 INFECTIONS IN SEKHUKHUNE

The Sekhukhune District Command Council (DCC) has noted with serious concern the increasing number of COVID-19 infections in the district.

In the past 24 hours, the DCC heard, 25 new cases were recorded.

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality was leading with 14 new cases, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality with 6 new cases, while Makhuduthamaga and Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipalities followed with 4 cases and 1 case respectively.

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality is now on “amber alert”, meaning that it’s considered to have the hallmarks of a potential hotspot.

The DCC heard that cumulative positive cases since the corona virus outbreak in the district stand at 2 987, with 85 of those remain active and 67 people lost their lives as a result.

“The infection rate is increasing with alarming rapidity. All municipalities in the district, working with other law enforcement officers, are going to strictly monitor compliance at funerals, weddings and other social events,” says DCC chairperson, Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila.

As we’re now in the middle of the festive season, everyone is being urged to remain vigilant as more people are traveling to various places, increasing risks of spreading the corona virus.

The DCC is therefore making the following recommendations:

*Avoid social gatherings,

*If you've to party, do it at home with close family,

*Keep social distancing all the time, even when at home,

*Protect vulnerable people like elderly grandparents and those with underlying illnesses,

*Stay home at all times, unless it's necessary to go out.

Ramaila says as it's now evident that the second surge of Covid-19 is upon us, it's up to everyone, authorities and individuals, to play their part in stopping further spread of this dreaded virus.

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