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# **SIYAYINQOBA** Coronavirus



**COVID-19 is declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). On the 05th March 2020 South Africa confirmed its first case, currently SA has just over 3000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Greytown has seen over 10 suspected cases. However in solidarity Siyayinqoba COVID-19.**



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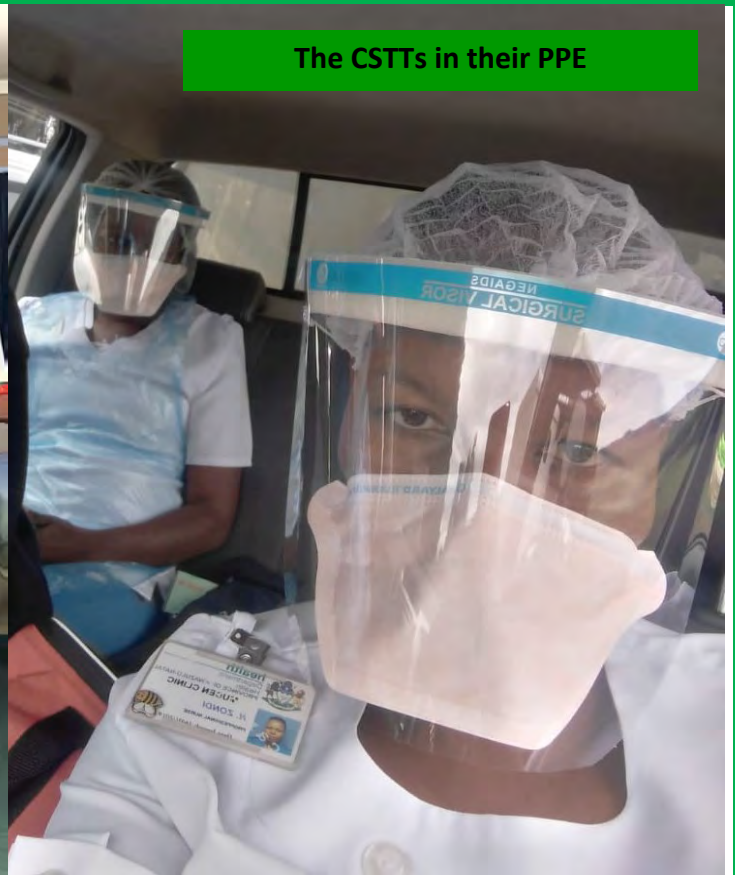
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Hospital Management with member of parliament Hon. Sibongile Zuma



The CSTTs in their PPE

## HOSPITAL READINESS

President Cyril Ramaphosa declared COVID-19 a National State of Disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act. This declaration called for rapid immediate response in curbing the pandemic. In Greytown Hospital a plan of action was immediately in motion following protocols and guidelines of the National and Provincial Department of Health in management of coronavirus.

A quarantine area was identified, setup and necessary stock and equipment was sourced and ordered. The Joint Operation Centre (JOC) committee was established which includes stakeholders from the business sector, disaster management, municipality, civil society, inter-departments and many more. The aim of the committee is to jointly pull resources and execute response plans in solidarity in order to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Mr. M Hlela the Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) Manager trained staff on COVID-19 including cleaning, and security company, construction company on-site and inter-government departments. On the 17th March 2020 Greytown Hospital had its first suspected case. Since then there has been 10 suspected cases which were all well managed. All cases were found negative. The hospital is continuously working hard to manage the spread through intense community awareness using various platforms to reach the community.

The member of parliament Hon. Sibongile Zuma visited Greytown Hospital to check on the readiness. She was very pleased with the readiness and response plans in place of which she witnessed herself during the walk about. The Greytown Hospital Management wishes to thank each staff for pulling together during this difficult time and we are committed to provide optimal health care to the community of Umvoti.





**Greytown Hospital Flu Clinic**

## FLU CLINIC

Flue Clinics have been established in all the Health Facilities under uMvoti Municipality. The purpose of establishing the flu clinic is to ensure that all clients entering our facilities are screened for COVID-19 in order to limit the spread of the virus thus protecting our patients and staff.

The community has now been made aware of the Flu Clinic concept; which is now the first point of entry, where clients are screened for COVID-19 and triaged accordingly.

Those clients that are found to be symptomatic are redirected for further clinical examination and investigation. It is important that all clients are screened before entry to any health facility as precautionary measure to combat the transmission of COVID-19 within our facilities.



## PUBLIC AWARENESS

Since the 13th of March 2020 the Umvoti Tracer Teams and Community Screening and Testing Teams (CSTT) have been out and about giving health education on prevention methods thus creating community awareness regarding the pandemic. The teams have reached over thirty thousand (30 000) people in Umvoti through Radio Slots, households, farm visits, supermarkets, stores, hot spot areas and every where people gathered.

Period	No. of wards covered	No. of areas covered	Total number of people addressed
13.03.20	10	01	200
23.03.20	08	09	436
24.03.20	09	21	867
20.03.20	12	18	12765
25.03.20	5	13	548
30.03.20	9		6058
31.03.20	9&5	2	7489
01.04.20	9&5	2	2775
02.04.20	3,9&5	3	2015
<b>Totals</b>			<b>33153</b>





Kranskop pay point



Siyabonga pay point

## SASSA PAYPOINTS

The 30th March 2020 was the busiest day in Greytown since the beginning of the lockdown period. Almost every SASSA pay point and grocery stores were full to capacity with SASSA grant beneficiaries including month end salary earners. No one had anticipated such overflow but hands of applauds to our teams who were there early in the morning to sort and manage queues observing the 1 meter social distancing.

This was such a difficult task for our teams since the crowd was almost uncontrollable but thanks to our partners who joined in and we were able to manage the situation. Over 1000 people were educated on COVID-19 and given information pamphlets.

Words of appreciation goes out to our foot soldiers who have dedicated their family time in order to serve the Umvoti community. Management sincerely thanks each and everyone of you.



### Shalom Farm

The CST Teams thanks the residence of Shalom Farm for welcoming them with a smile.

## HOUSEHOLDS VISIT

The community screening and testing campaigns kicked off last week where the Umvoti Community Screening and Testing Teams (CSTTs) were out and about conducting door to door screening and testing. Initially the main focus was on the hot spots that have been identified however the campaign has been rolled out to all the areas under Umvoti.

This is one of the strategies in place to eliminate the spread of COVID-19. To date the teams have visited Shalom farm, Lindelani area and are continuing to reach other areas. The community is urged to welcome the teams into their homes and fully participate in the screening/testing process. Management thanks all community members who have welcomed the teams in their homes.

With all the myths and false information around testing and screening; the community is encouraged to seek correct and accurate information when they are in doubt. For more information the community can contact 24HR Provincial Hotline 033 846 6000, WhatsApp number 060 012 3456 or contact the Hospital Public Relations Officer Mrs. MS Ntshingila on 071 055 2820 email: [Sethabile.Ntshingila@kznhealth.gov.za](mailto:Sethabile.Ntshingila@kznhealth.gov.za)





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# Siyayinqoba

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### COVID-19

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