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COVID-19 SPECIAL EDDITION







TOGETHERWIE CAN BEAT THE CORONAVIRUS

St Andrews hospital Management and the Mayor of Umuziwabantu during the COVID -19 outreach at the post office pay point.







CHANGES IN OPERATIONS

From the first time that the novel coronavirus pandemic was announced in the country, the department of health began working around the clock to implement strategies to assist to contain the virus. St Andrews hospital management has also implemented changes in the facility in line with the directive from the Minister of health.

- Screening for COVID-19 at both facility entry points as well as all Umuziwabantu PHC facilities
- Patients on Chronic medication are given two months supply.
- Visiting of inpatients has been halted, with an exception to those patients who are critically ill and Paediatric as per CEO's authorization. There is a limitation of one (1) visitor per patient for 15 minutes.
- Posters and pamphlets were distributed and displayed in all service points of the hospital.
- Dental Clinic is a high risk department; filling and cleaning of teeth postponed until the lock down is lifted.
- Staff members including Security officers were trained as per the protocol.
- * JOC meetings was scheduled to set daily with the following standing items: PPE stock update; two-three months medication given; patients on TLD, training updates and COVID-19 status update.
- * All individuals are required to sanitize their hands before entering the facility.
- At all Outpatient departments, social distancing is implemented by patients having to leave an empty seat and to observe proper coughing etiquette.
- Community Screening and testing has started.



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Harding Pay points visit



In an effort to educate the community about the Novel corona virus, St Andrews hospital management, the mobile team and the mayor of Umuziwabantu did an outreach at the busy pay points in Harding during the grant payouts. During the outreach, the community was educated on how to wash hands the proper way using a tippy tap made out of a 2L bottle and soap. Community members were encouraged to use clean water and soap when washing their hands as this guarantees clean hands. Social distancing was also encouraged and the community members were also encouraged to observe the lockdown as it is one way that we can contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The CEO of St Andrews hospital, (pictured above) assisted in educating the public and sanitizing their hands. The mayor of Umuziwabantu left her office and was working to ensure that the patrons implemented social distancing as there were a lot of people who came to the pay points on this particular day. Pamphlets were handed out to the public as well as soap that was donated by Unilever .



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TIPS TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

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You can help contain the spread of COVID-19







Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, - or the time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. Or sing the chorus to your favourite song!

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Minimise your chance of picking up the coronavirus from surfaces. The best way to do this is by washing your hands and not touching your face.

Wash your hands first if you're about to eat, fix your makeup, play with the baby, etc.

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Keep household surfaces clean.
Use soapy water on door knobs,
light switches, fridges and
microwave doors, toilet handles,
and table tops where you
cook and eat.



CHUCKLES







Stepped on my scale this morning and it said: Please use social distancing, one person at a time.





Prediction: There will
be a minor baby boom
in 9 months, and then
one day in 2033, we
shall witness the rise
of THE
QUARANTEENS.



PICTURE GALLERY

Outreach



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