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CLAIRWOOD HOSPITAL FIGHTS COVID-19

Clairwood Hospital Fights COVID-19, as Dr Zweli Mkhize Visit The Hospital.

The National Minister of Health Dr. Zweli Mkhize was not only impressed by the state of readiness of the province in dealing with Covid-19 but he was also impressed by COVID-19 preparedness of the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health Ms. Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu during his visit to the province and to Clairwood Hospital. He was happy with efforts by the province to contain the pandemic. This was also affirmed by the Acting CEO Dr. O Francis during his presentation. Dr. Zweli Mkhize who was accompanied by Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu and Head of Health Dr. Sandile Tshabalala visited Clairwood Hospital to inspect the progress of the hospital renovations and construction of the 226 bedded field hospital. The minister was impressed by the overall progress of the renovations, he commended the MEC, the department and the district team under the leadership of the Chief Director Ms. Penny Msimang for the good work. He further commended the hospital for turning the corner for receiving positive reviews on patient care and staff attitude.

He also urged people to come forward and be quarantined in health facilities in order for their health status to be monitored by health professionals.



Dr Zweli Mkhize visited a transformed Clairwood Hospital

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Mr Sihle Zikalala opens the COVID-19 Field Hospital's doors

The inside tour of the COVID-19 Field Hospital

The Premier Of KwaZulu-Natal Officially Opens The Field Hospital

The outbreak of Covid-19 has put the KZN department on its feet and in the process has transformed Clairwood Hospital outlook in a way which has never been imagined by employees of this hospital. No one ever imagined that within a short space of time patient care could be rendered in such a state of the art hospital.

The KZN Premier Mr. Sihle Zikalala could not contain his joy when he was briefed by the MEC for health Ms. Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu and MEC for Public Works honourable Ms Peggy Nkonyeni on the progress which both departments have undertaken to ensure that KZN is ready for the pandemic. Clairwood Hospital was particular commended by the Premier for having changed the negative perception about patient care to the most positive one which the hospital continues to receive from its clients.

The Premier is of the view that government should now start building its own capacity. " in a normal way it would have taken well over three years to deliver such a project . We want to inculcate this culture of speedy delivery. At the same time, we want to see KwaZulu-Natal building a capacity where government will be able to have entities that will be able to build such projects". Said the Premier. He further stated that in order to mitigate financial responsibilities during hard times like this, decisions and implementation should be made quickly to avoid delays. .

The Premier was totally overwhelmed with the overall progress and the incredible job that the department of Health has done to ensure that there is a proactive and effective response to COVID-19. He also thanked both MECs for their dedication and their hard work in ensuring that the field hospital was built and finished on time. Clairwood field hospital which has 226 beds is now available for the persons under COVID-19 Investigation (PUI) and it is ready to receive patients . The Hospital Acting Chief Executive Officer Dr. Olorunsola Francis showed the premier all the areas of the field Hospital which are inline with COVID-19 guidelines. The honourable Premier went on to officially open the field hospital. The field hospital will assist the province to be able to take in more PUIs and infected patients and offer appropriate patient care. The Honourable Premier also addressed the News journalists about the progress of the Field hospitals which are being built all over KwaZulu-Natal and how well is the province dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak. MEC for Finance and Economic Development Mr. R Pillay together with MEC for Arts and Culture Ms H. Mavimbela were in attendance.



The newly renovated building which is a state of the art

EDITOR'S REMARKS



Dr. O. Francis

Clairwood Hospital Management and staff would like to welcome Dr. Olorunsola Francis who has been recently appointed as an Acting Chief Executive Officer for Clairwood Hospital.

Dr Francis has a vast experience within the department of health which without a doubt will be useful in helping this facility to reach new heights.

He has joined Clairwood hospital during a transition period in relation to the services that are offered and during the time when the world is battling with CORONA VIRUS.

Clairwood hospital wishes to extend their welcome message to all employees who joined this hospital to form part of Clairwood family. Their skills and knowledge will be a great assets for this hospital going forward.

Farewell message goes to all employees who left the employ of the hospital through promotion and retirement. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.



CHAIRPERSON OF THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT PORTFOLIO VISITS CLAIRWOOD HOSPITAL

To account on public funds has proven to be imperative as the country fights Corona virus Pandemic. The visit by the chairperson of the KZN legislature Human settlement portfolio Chairperson Ms Linda Hlongwa was to gather data on the state of affairs of the hospital as the designated COVID-19 hospital in eThekweni District.

The District Director Ms. Penny Msimang briefed Ms Hlongwa about the renovations of the hospital and the full utilisation of beds. She also mentioned that the district of eThekweni is also looking at optimum utilisation of the hospital Post COVID-19 as the country reporting less numbers of infections on a daily basis. “ We are also looking and preparing for the recovery plan for the services which may have been less prioritised during the surge of the virus. We are mindful that there are services which cannot be ignored and we still have to focus on them to make sure that we don't lose our previous gains pre COVID-19” said Ms Msimang. Ms Hlongwa was particularly happy with the Hospital presentation by Acting CEO Dr O. Francis which highlighted the fact that despite the hospital being COVID-19, site all employees who were infected with the diseases have recovered and there has been no death thus far. Dr Francis had this to say “ ***We can particularly mention to the honourable Chairperson that the hospital has not run short of Personal protective Equipment for staff***”. The oversight visit by Ms Hlongwa was important for the province as it confirms the call which has been made by the Honourable President Mr. Ramaphosa and Honourable Premier Mr. Zikala-la to account on public funds.



Ward 3 Health care workers



Waste Collectors sorting covid-19 waste

COVID-19 WASTE REMOVAL

Treating and managing infectious diseases require adequate resources to do so. Clairwood hospital staff and management has persistently put all precautionary measures to ensure that infections are contained during COVID-19 pandemic. Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator Ms. N. Jama with Waste Management Officer Ms. H. Shabane have been crisscrossing the hospital service areas ensuring that infections are prevented and risk waste is properly managed.

Training of employees on Corona virus has been covered extensively. Standard precautionary measures such as non-pharmaceutical prevention methods, donning and doffing, guidelines on disposing of infectious waste have been thoroughly covered. In-service education, audits and compliance is now regularly done. Ms Jama covers all infection prevention and control responsibilities which is crucial during this time of COVID-19

Since Clairwood hospital was declared a COVID-19 hospital a lot of risk waste is now produced on a daily basis, this therefore requires a proper management of risk waste which will be compliant with environmental health care acts and KZN Policy on management of health care risk waste

All health risk waste which includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used in isolation wards and any other items from the wards is treated as a risk waste. This requires a proper waste management in order to mitigate public health and environmental risks.

All safety measures are in place at Clairwood Hospital during COVID-19 season. This is to ensure that the environment is safe for patients and for employees. Each isolation ward has its own compliant waste storage and waste receptacles which are biohazard bags, medical waste & yellow sharps containers.

Waste collectors have been trained to handle COVID-19 waste from the donning and doffing areas at the isolation wards and the PPE used by the employees. The waste is then taken by contracted service provider and this is monitored by Ms H. Shabane

CUSTOMER REVIEWS

Dear isolation and Quarantine staff in ward 5 B side

I just want to say thank you so much to staff at ward 5 B. I was admitted in Clairwood hospital from 08th to 17th July 2020. As much as we are all scared of this COVID-19 pandemic the staff never at once discriminated me. They were always smiling, paying attention to all of us.

May God bless you all, its not easy but you bring smile to us. This goes to all staff members, Operational Manager and to the Male Nurse Sbu. Continue with love you have for your patients

From PS Blose

Clairwood Hospital Outreach Team Descends to communicate for COVID-19 Screening and Testing



Clairwood Hospital have taken an initiative to reach out to the catchment areas by sending Health care workers to screen and test the public for COVID-19. Clairwood hospital communications team caught up with the hospital health care workers at the Yellowwood Park Post Office where they were screening and testing members of the community. The screening was for COVID-19 and for TB.

Communications team was welcomed with open arms by the local councilor of ward 64 Mr. Gavin Hegter who was already on site providing support. Mr. Hegter told the team about his excitement that Clairwood Hospital is reaching out to communities and is making it easy for the public to get screened and tested for the virus.

When the screening team was asked why was it so important for them to do outreach? Their response was that, since Clairwood Hospital was declared a COVID-19 hospital every health care worker is on their feet to fight this outrageous virus by ensuring that as many people as possible are screened and tested and those who are found to be positive and PUIs are admitted in our isolation facilities.



MEC Nkonyeni, MEC Simelane-Zulu & MEC Mavimbela



Clairwood Management Team



Minister Dr. Mkhize and MEC Ms. Simelane-Zulu taking the report from Dr. Mabaso Clairwood hospital Medical Manager



Dr. S Tshabalala and Dr. O Francis at the opening of the field hospital



The KZN Premier greeting MECs on his arrival at Clairwood Hospital



Ward 3 frontline staff members



Dr. O Francis with Ms. T. Sakyi from e Thekwini dis-

Clairwood Hospital celebrated heritage day in style



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