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The Department of Health in KwaZulu-Natal has observed the strike action by unions today and hopes that this will come to an end soon.

Unions must take responsibility for any disruption of services and inconvenience to patients and members of the community who visited health institutions throughout the province today.

Sadly, in some reported instances some of the essential services staff members also joined the strike - a direct violation of the government policy preventing them from embarking on the industrial action. Although there were some incidents reported, work has continued with success in most of our institutions, with our employees ensuring that the lives and welfare of our patients is not compromised.

The department wishes to thank those staff members who were able to hold the fort at clinics and hospitals today while the strike action was on.

The department is closely monitoring the strike action and will implement all necessary interventions to ensure that there is proper delivery of service at all times.

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