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**Women's
month**



NORTHDALE HOSPITAL

THE NORTH NEWS

It really is in our hands to defeat Coronavirus.

Newly Acting Executive Management at Northdale Hospital

August 2020



Mr. R.E Manyokole
Acting CEO



Dr. D.D Gengan
Act. Medical Manager



Ms. S.H Harrichand
Act. Deputy Manager:
Nursing



Mr. S. Cotchobos
Act. Ass. Director
Finance and Systems



Minister visit NDH



MEC Walk-About



NDH Screening Area

LOCATE AND SEEK TREATMENT IN A COVID-19 HEALTH FACILITY NEAR YOU

Have You Just Tested Positive for COVID-19?

Don't be Alarmed, here is what you need to do.

Quarantine get used to a designated COVID-19 facility which is best equipped to deliver professional healthcare services for official Quarantine or isolation programme.

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Department appointed acting managers at Northdale hospital



Northdale hospital welcomed the intervention of the KZN Health MEC Ms. Nomagugu Simela-Zulu and Head of Health Dr Sandile Tshabalala for delegation of acting managers at the facility. This is following the visit by the Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize to Northdale hospital after the media allegations. Due to the hospital appearing in the national news over the last two weeks, the image of the hospital has been intensely damaged.

The department has appointed the following acting managers at the facility

Mr R.E Manyokole	:	Acting CEO
Dr D.D Gengan	:	Acting Medical Manager
Ms M.S Harrichand	:	Acting Deputy Manager - Nursing
Mr S. Cotchobos	:	Acting Assistant Director Finance and Systems

During Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize visit to the facility, he addressed the appointed acting managers about the huge responsibility on their shoulders and requested them to ensure that the changes they make are for good of the facility and will enhance service delivery. All acting managers accepted their appointment and promised to do all their best to build the image of the facility.

The MEC for Health in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Simelane - Zulu also promised the continued support of both the Head Office and Umgungundlovu Health District office ensuring that the hospital is smoothly operated and quality health care is provided to the community.

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The MEC also took time with her visiting team which included HOH Dr S. Tshabalala, HOM Dr Q. Mlitha and Chiefs Directors (Dr T.D Moji and Mr. J. Mndebele) from Head office and acting District Director Mr M. Green to conduct a walk-about through the hospital. The MEC instructed Mr S. Cotchobos, to put systems in place to address the issues in critical areas like Linen room, patient administration and cleaning services.

Following the news on media alleging shortage of linen in the hospital, The MEC called for strict monitoring and proper distribution of linen in the facility.



The MEC Nomagugu - Simelane Zulu
Visited Northdale hospital

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH DR ZWELI MKHIZE VISITED NORTHDALE HOSPITAL



The Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize visited Northdale hospital during his three days visit in the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal. On the 08th of August 2020, The Minister concluded his visit in the province with Northdale hospital following the media reports regarding the complaints of the tent structure which was used as a flue clinic. The tent was removed and a new structure was put up in the hospital. This new improved structure will operate twenty four hours and has running clean water, electricity, ablution facilities and heaters to ensure that patients and staff are protected from the cold.

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The Minister visited and viewed the new structure and expressed his pleasure stating that with it indicating that the structure is now adequate to serve the community. He indicated that this new structure will assist the hospital to conduct screening and accommodate patients in a warm environment whilst waiting for completion of admission processes to their relevant wards.

Dr Zweli Mkhize the Minister addressed members of the media, saying “I am happy with the structure and it will assist the facility to continue their fight against Covid-19”. He said, “Even in other provinces like in Gauteng there are facilities which are using tent as their triaging area and there are no issues with that as long as the tent is decent enough to provide services”. He made examples of facilities which have converted their cafeteria into screening areas. Northdale hospital had once converted the tuck shop to make it a screening area, this was done with an idea of providing a conducive area for screening especially at night.

The Minister indicated that the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal is now on its peak stage of the coronavirus pandemic and it is estimated that in the coming two-three weeks the province will experience an increase in the infection numbers. He appealed to everyone to practice safe precautions to avoid spreading of Coronavirus. These precautions includes wearing of face mask all the time especially in public areas, practice of social distancing, washing of hands with soap and to avoid unnecessary movement. He also emphasized that management of the facility should ensure that employees have enough PPE's when they are performing their duties and if there are challenges facility should seek assistance from district office.

Screening area inside



Screening area outside



Screening area inside

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“SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING FOR A HEALTHIER SOUTH AFRICA”

August is known as Woman’s Month which is commemorated annually in South Africa. In the department of health, the first week of August, is celebrated as a World Breastfeeding Week. There many messages and campaigns that are rolling out in the department to encourage mothers in practice breastfeeding.

The Theme of 2020 is “**SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING FOR HEALTHIER SOUTH AFRICA**”. This is a theme that calls all partners including fathers, families, communities, the general public, employers and health workers to encourage and support breastfeeding.

Benefits of Breastfeeding:

Breastmilk is always the right temperature, requires no preparation and is readily available.

Breastfeeding Makes Baby Strong against Illness.

Breastmilk contains special properties that keep the gut lining strong and help reduce the chance of infections such as diarrhea.

Breastfeeding saves money so the whole family can eat well and be healthy.

Breastfeeding provides an environment where the mothers are able to bond with their babies. It is a practice that provides positive psychological effect to both mother and baby. It helps mother and the baby with the following:

Breastfeeding helps mothers feel close to their babies.

Breastfeeding helps baby’s feel secure, loved and protected.

Breastfeeding is a baby’s life support. Keep mother and baby together.

Mothers are encouraged to seek professional help if they are concerned about their breastfeeding journey. All health facilities can educate and support mothers who are on their breastfeeding journey.



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OPINION PIECE ABOUT WOMAN'S MONTH



“Here’s to strong women. May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them. As a Speech and Language Therapist, promotion of improved communication skills is central to my role. My message to all women is to use your weapon of communication to raise up women and share your stories. Through communication we, as women, can empower”.

Happy Women’s Month!!!

Sarah Thatcher

“Inyanga yabesifazane kimi isho ukunikwa inhlonipho, uthando nokunakekelwa emndenini nasemphakathini. Njenga nomuntu wesifazane kumele ngiphile ngokukhululeka emphakathini ngingabi nakwesaba. Kumele sinikwe amathuba empilweni ngokulingana nathi njenga nembokodo sizibonakalise ekuthuthukiseni isizwe”.

Phambili ngegama lamakhosikazi!!!

Duduzile Dlungwane



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“Kumina ukuba khona inyanga okubungazwa abantu besifazane kusho lukhulu kini ngokukhombisa ukubaluleka komuntu wesifazane. Phambilini umuntu wesifazane ubengenamathuba alingana nabesilisa kepha namuhla sesiyalingana. Ngithanda ukuthi Phambaili ngabantu besifazane”

Nontobeko Jili



“I am a woman that’s thinks like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness. To a woman who is strong, compassionate, unique and beautiful. May you continue to inspire those around you.”

Happy Women’s Day .

Maliga Govender



“I can't decide whether I'm a good girl wrapped up in a bad girl, or if I'm a bad girl wrapped up in a good girl. And that's how I know I'm a woman!” Happy Woman’s Day.

Nonhlanhla Radebe

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