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# #SIZOYINQOBA I-CORONAVIRUS

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**DOOR TO DOOR SCREENING AT NKULULEKO AREA**

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Door to door screening



Love Month



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## TWO HUNDRED FAMILIES SCREENED AT INFORMAL SETTLEMENT



**Outreach team from Northdale Hospital**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, Northdale Hospital Outreach Team embarked on a community screening for Covid-19 at Nkuleko Informal Settlement. About two hundreds families were screened on the day. The hospital is keeping in line with the launch of the Covid-19 community screening and testing launched by the KwaZulu-Natal Premier uMhlonishwa S. Zikalala.

Screenings are rolling throughout the country to fight against Coronavirus. The outreach teams are working hard to ensure that the community of the Northern areas are tested. This is going to be a continuing door to door screening programme.

The hospital is working in partnership with local leadership to ensure that communities are informed of where and when testing is taking place. Staff members are identified with departmental name tags and with proper PPE as per screening procedures.

Ward Councilor's and SAPS are also accompanying the outreach teams during door to door screening campaigns.

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# WASH YOUR HANDS AND KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAN



Northdale hospital urges the public to keep hands clean as one of the most important step to follow in order to avoid spreading of COVID -19. Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands and this practice can help to prevent infections. The hospital has taken a step to conduct continuous health education to patients and public especially during this period where the country is fighting against Coronavirus. People are encouraged to wash their hands with clean water using soap and they can rub hands with alcohol-based formulation.

Communities are been educated on the virus to ensure they understand the virus, how it spreads and what roles they play in preventing its spreading.

We urge the public to continue practicing hand hygiene and cough etiquette, to adhere to the following:

- Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Practice frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment.
- Avoid visiting markets where live animals are sold.
- Travelers with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing and wash hands).

Health practitioners should provide travelers with information to reduce the general risk of acute respiratory infections, via travel health clinics, travel agencies, conveyance operators and at points of entry. Travelers should self-report if they feel ill.

The Public is urged to remain vigilant and adopt good personal hygiene practices.

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# FEBRUARY MONTH OF LOVE



February the month to celebrate love in all of its forms, be it parent love, sibling love, friendship love or the love we share for our partners.

People around the world celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February by expressing the love for their wives, husbands and lovers.

The Northdale Hospital Events Committee organized an event on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 to highlight and celebrate relationship at the workplace. At the event the staff came together to express their gratitude, appreciation, friendship and support for each other.

Pastor Moya: Department of Health and Pastor Nxele, the guest speakers for the day stressed the importance of good working relationship amongst colleagues in the work place and the influence good leaders have on these relationship.

The pastors reminded all that family relationships also impact on work relationships and vice-versa. Work stresses also impact on family life, therefore a balance is important.

OM Shakilla Pillay urged staff to come together and work as a team to promote a healthy and friendly work environment which will impact on better standards of service delivery and patient care.

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**OPM S. PILLAY**



**Rev. V.M.J THABETHE**



**Pastor M. NXELE**



**Pastor MOYO**



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# “TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS”



Mr. Khatib, ANM HARRICHAND, DR TURINO, ANM PILLAY AND OPM ZONDI

As per the Kwa-Zulu Natal COVID 19 Screening and Testing Guidelines, all patients entering Northdale Hospital are undergoing strict screening by well-trained nursing staff before accessing other medical services within the institution. Patients are interviewed and asked a prepared set of questions regarding their medical, travel and contact History.

Measures to monitor social distancing amongst patients whilst they are waiting in queues (screening medical services), are in place.

Northdale Hospital's Social Partners (Gift of the Givers, Ross Transport and HST) assisted in providing and setting up tents to conduct patient screenings. Patients requiring Obstetrics & Gynecology Services are screened outside the Maternity Area (Labour Ward). Space for suspect Obstetrics & Gynecology patients is allocated in the Maternity Area. The hospital also allocated wards for both adult and paediatric patients requiring isolation

Northdale Hospital Management is encouraging the community to stay at home and only attend hospital for valid reasons or in cases of emergency.

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# SPECIAL SET UP FOR COVID - 19 SCREENING AND TESTING



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## Farewell Note from retiring CEO:

### Mrs. B.C Maphanga

There hasn't been a day in 33 years that I didn't want to come to work, because I loved my job and I enjoyed working with you.

You have been my second family and you have supported me in my career. I'm going to miss you all. My career was challenging and rewarding. I did my best and I was well rewarded in kind and in friendship. I was privileged to be part of a team which achieved success that we can all be proud of. I'm looking forward to my new career as a Retiree.

Thanks for everything, I shall miss you.

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# MRS. B.C MAPHANGA FAREWELL



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# Ms. Andisiwe Qebeyi Farewell



Ms. Andisiwe Qebeyi Former NDH Finance Manager



Mrs. K. Makhathini - Acting NDH CEO, Ms. A. Qebeyi Former Finance Manager, Mrs. L. Naidoo - Acting Finance Manager.

## Note from NDH Former Finance Manager - Ms. Andisiwe Qebeyi

To Northdale staff

With grateful regards I thank you all, my dear colleagues for the greatest opportunity that I got to share my service with you .

I wish you all the best and thank you for your cherished friendship.

Working with you several years was such a blessing, you have inspired me a lot in different many ways form the Executive Management to the group level officials.

I thank you.

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