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New covid 19 Hospital at Richmond



Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize, MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane and Dr Mir Anwar acting CEO for Richmond Hospital during media briefing after opening of the Richmond COVID Hospital.

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MESSAGE FROM OFFICE OF THE CEO



It is my pleasure to inform the Richmond Community and UMgungundlovu District of KZN Province, South Africa that Richmond Specialized TB Hospital is officially converted to exclusive Covid 19, state of Arts Covid 19 hospital with- 95 beds occupancy.

To convert a 50 years old Hospital to most modern exclusive Covid 19 hospital needs lots of efforts and money credit goes to Honourable President of the country Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, and National Minister of Health, Honourable Dr Zweli Mkhize who supported us with National Guidelines and Financial help from National Covid 19 grants.

Specials thanked to Provincial MEC of Health of Honourable Ms Nomagugu Simelane Zulu and KZN Head of Health Dr SC Shabalala with their team, doing Continuous support and monitoring the renovation of the Hospital. We hope and believe once this Covid19 pandemic is over or Covid 19 vaccine is available, Richmond Covid 19 hospital will be transformed to a District Hospital, which definitely will be rendered health support to Richmond and Surrounding Community population.

This is a long standing desire of the community to have a District Hospital in Richmond Area.

As a Acting CEO of the Richmond Hospital with a dedicated management team our sincere thanks to MEC of Health and HOD of Health for their vision.

My sincerest gratitude goes out to both our nursing staff and doctors for their hard work and perseverance. Despite the risk to their own safety, they have been taking care of severely ill individuals with COVID 19.

Since the Hospital was formerly opened, we are happy to mention that we have successfully treated and discharged a number of patients, most notably, four patients over the age of 90 years. Including two patients aged 98 and 99. They have survived and have been discharged in good spirits

We tried our best to make the Hospital best of the best.

Dr. Mir Anwar

Chief Executive Officer

Richmond Hospital

COVID 19

On 31st December 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was alerted to a cluster of pneumonia of unknown aetiology in patients in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China.

One week later the novel coronavirus (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2: SARS-CoV-2) was identified as the cause. The resulting illness was named COVID-19 on the 11th February 2020.

As a result, South Africa went in to a total national lockdown in preparation for the large number of expected infections and severely ill individuals. Richmond hospital was chosen by the department of health in Kwa Zulu Natal to be an exclusive Covid-19 hospital. However, due not using many wards were in a very poor condition.

In view of the above, a massive renovation has taken place at Richmond hospital as many of the wards were not usable; there were additional issues with water supply and sewage as well. Not to mention the lack of Oxygen at the facility. The hospital will no longer be used as a TB hospital, but will now be used as a Covid-19 facility as announced by the honourable, Minister of Health of South Africa, Dr. Zweli Mkhize.

Currently Richmond's New Covid-19 Facility has four of its seven wards completed, with a current bed capacity of 55 beds. Once all renovations are complete, Richmond Covid-19 hospital will have a total of 95 state of the art beds; all of which have the capability to supply piped oxygen. The wards are suitable for clients not able to isolate at home, for fear of infecting other family members. In addition to the massive renovations to improve the hospitals infrastructure, a considerable amount of equipment has been acquisitioned as well, namely; Oxygen to all beds, a new Arterial blood gas machine, and new ECG machines, new monitors etc.

We are also awaiting the arrival of a new x-ray machine, as well as high flow oxygen machines which are extremely useful in the treatment of Covid-19 and its respiratory complications.

At the time of writing, renovations continue, with the remaining wards expected to reach completion in the coming weeks. Despite the ongoing renovations, we have already started admitting and caring for patients diagnosed with Covid-19 as isolation wards.

We continue to make every effort to ensure the community of Richmond and its surrounding areas are safe and well looked after during this very difficult time. We hope and pray this hospital and community moves from strength to strength as we play our part in the fight against Covid-19.

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Approved by : Dr M Anwar

OPENING OF COVID 19 HOSPITAL



On the 05th of August 2020 Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize accompanied by MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane and HOD for health opened Richmond COVID Hospital.



IPC CORNER



FROM LEFT: IPC,PRO AND QA AT RICHMOND CHAMBER ATTENDING JOC MEETING

COVID 19 HAS BEEN KEEPING US ON OUR TOES SINCE MARCH 2020. WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING DAILY SCREENING WHICH TAKES PLACE AT OUR SCREENING TENT ON ENTRANCE TO THE FACILITY.

WE HAVE CONDUCTED HUNDREDS OF TRAINING WITHIN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS NAMELY MAGISTRATES COURTS, LOCAL COUNSELLORS ,FACTORIES AND TAXI ASSOCIATIONS TO NAME A FEW.

WE WERE PLEASED TO ALSO HAVE OUR LOCAL GP'S TO ATTEND A TRAINING. TO DATE 583 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN TRAINED ON COVID 19 AND DONNING AND DISPOSAL OF PPE.

RICHMOND HOSPITAL HAS BECOME AN EXAMPLE FOR BENCHMARKING BY MANY FACILITIES. RECENTLY A DELEGATION FROM OFFICE OF HEALTH STANDARD COMPLIANCE ASSESSED THE FACILITY AND WERE PLEASED WITH PROGRESS.



NURSES DURING DONNING AND DISPOSAL OF PPE.

QA CORNER

Change is always scary and exciting. Richmond Hospital has been undergoing major transformation.

Transformation that comes once in a lifetime. We have been so privileged to bear witness to this transformation. It has been very exciting to see the change of our old buildings, transforming into the state of the art new wards.

Covid-19 came and demanded change from how we use to do things. How we work and how we interact with others. With that change came a need to change out humble TB hospital into a state of the art facility ready to care for those afflicted by thee Corona virus.

We all excitingly witnessed the construction and change to our buildings but the most change was what was demanded from us as personal working in Richmond Hospital.

We all had to learn about the Corona virus and embrace our coming role in fighting the outbreak.

Today we have taken our place alongside our compatriot's in the health care front to fight the Corona Virus.

I commend the efforts of all our staff in doing their part to get us ready to join the fight.

Quality Assurance even in this war as has always been aims to coordinate all our efforts to ensure that the systems are in place to ensure better patient outcomes and that we practices safely.

We can never win this war if we are not armed with our effective Clinical Governance committee structures.

The transformation has not only given us newly renovated buildings.

We are on our way to re-introduce a service that we once had but excitingly we will have it back. The Radiology services. We are in the process of procuring a Mobile X-ray unit for Richmond Hospital. I am very excited with the prospect of X-ray services coming back to Richmond Hospital as this will be of great help to our community who will soon no longer have to endure a bus ride to Edendale Hospital just to have an X-ray done.

We have received a blood gas analyser machine which will greatly improve our management of Covid -19 Patients. Having a Blood Gas Analyser means that even post Covid -19 we have equipment to render high care services and management of clients before we transfer to higher level of care Hospital.

We are excited that all our wards will have ECG machines. Our two isolation wards are ready to function as High care units.

For the first time all our wards will have piped oxygen.

Richmond Hospital will be ready to play our role in the war against Covid-19. Our future is bright no matter which role we play post Covid 19.

Article by : MR. S Zondi (QA)

KZN PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE VISIT



On 25/06/2020 the Richmond hospital was visited by KZN legislature portfolio committee led by Honourable Mr. S Mtshali. The visit leader introduced the delegation and also gave a brief explanation about their visit “ The main reason we are here today is to check the status of the facility and also know whether we are ready for this storm of covid 19 that is here. MEC for health reports at the legislature the her department is building/renovating other facilities” said by Mr. S Mtshali.

The hospital Acting CEO Dr. M Anwar did a presentation and the members were satisfied. The members had questions regarding waste management as well as PPE shortage which hospital management responded to the concerns. After the presentation members did a walkabout to see the new wards and they were pleased with the work currently being done .

Pics of facility before renovations



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MEC FOR HEALTH MS. NOMAGUGU SIMELANE VISITS



THE MEC FOR HEALTH MS. NOMAGUGU SIMELANE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DR. S SHABALALA AND OTHER SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL STAFF HAS BEEN COMING IN AND OUT OF THE FACILITY TO CHECK THE PROGRESS OF THE RENOVATIONS. ABOVE ARE PICS OF DIFFERENT VISITS. THE MEC HAS CLOSELY MONITORED THIS PROJECT AS SHE CALLED IT HER BABY. SURPRISINGLY ON ONE OF THE VISITS MEC CAME DRIVING HERSELF ALONE. WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR MEC FOR THE SUPPORT AND CARE SHE GAVE TO RICHMOND HOSPITAL

PICS OF THE RENOVATED BUILDINGS



PHOTO GALLERY



HVAC SYSTEM



HVAC SYSTEM (PLANT)



Temporal Water Backup System

ADDITIONAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY



NEW INSTALLED TRANSFORMER



NEW INSTALLED BACK-UP GENERATOR

MEET OUR NEW OHN



Greetings everyone

I am Nonhlakanipho from Slahla (Richmond), I am delighted to be part of Richmond Hospital team serving as an Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner. Lets us work together in promoting a healthy lifestyle. My goal is ensuring health in all employees because a healthy employee will result in good service delivery. Hope we can achieve this goal as a united front

Services available at the clinic

- Medical surveillance
- Pre-placement medicals
- Periodical medicals
- Exit medicals

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