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UGU HEALTH DISTRICT MEC VISIT



Ugu Health District Director updating MEC regarding Ugu District Covid-19 status



**COVID-19
RESPONSE**

KWAZULU NATAL MEC FOR HEALTH MS NOMAGUGU SIMELANE AND THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR MRS N C MKHIZE DURING MEC VISIT IN UGU HEALTH DISTRICT FACILITIES TO CHECK THE STATUS OF THE DISTRICT ON COVID-19

As part of Covid-19 response, MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane visited Ugu Health District facilities to confirm if the district is still coping with the pandemic. Amongst the facilities that were visited are GJ Crookes Hospital, St Andrews Hospital and

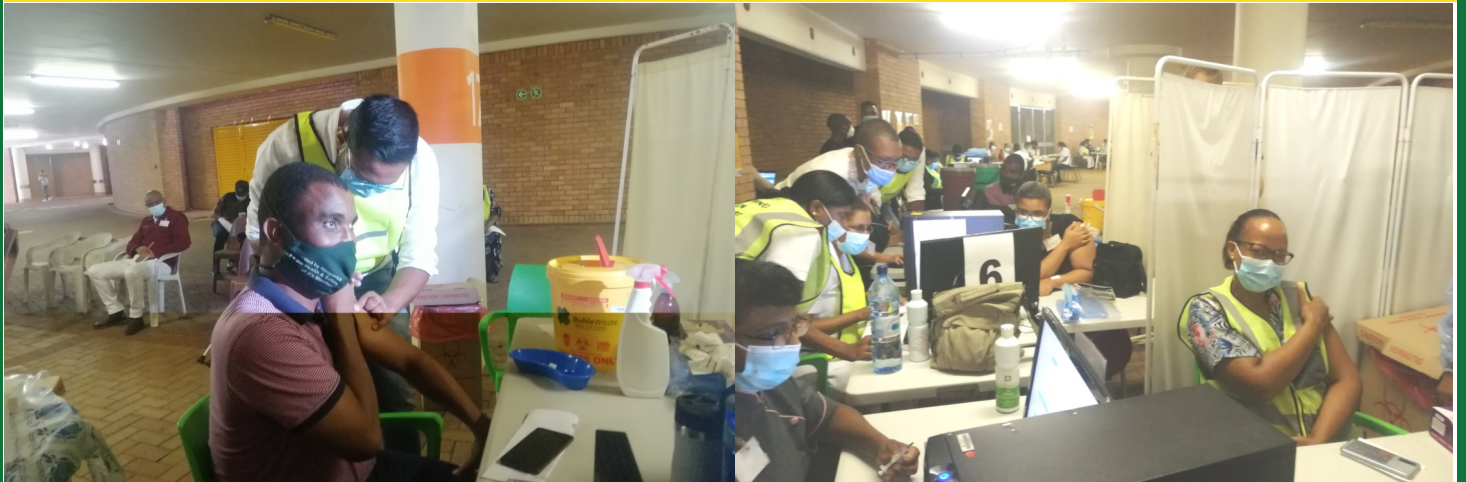
Gamalakhe CHC. This visit was because of the number of cases that were increasing in the District. During this visit, Covid-19 wards were inspected and the MEC was happy with the status of the hospitals and the CHC. Speaking to the media during this visit, the MEC

encouraged the community to adhere to Covid-19 regulations.

MEC was with the District Director Mrs NC Mkhize who was giving all the information regarding the picture of the district for the MEC to be clear on what is happening regarding Covid-19.



UGU HEALTH DISTRICT VACCINE ROLLOUT FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS



Ugu Health District front line workers from all facilities including clinics and private sector receiving vaccine in March 2021 at GJ Crookes Hospital. Vaccination took place for a period of two weeks



Ugu Health District front line workers at the waiting area, screening and registration desk at GJ Crookes Hospital in the undercover parking where vaccination was taking place



Ugu Health District vaccinators and administration team at the briefing session preparing for the following day after a long first day of vaccination period at GJ Crookes Hospital



UGU HEALTH DISTRICT VACCINE ROLLOUT WHICH STARTED FOR FRONT LINE WORKERS IS NOW EXPANDED TO THE COMMUNITY



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Ugu Health District started with the vaccination programme in March 2021. Vaccination started with phase 1 which targeted Department of Health front line workers which included those from private sector and will now be expanded for phase 2

Vaccination is a simple, safe, and effective way to protect people against harmful diseases, before they come into contact with them. It uses the body's natural defense's to build resistance to specific infections and makes one's immune system stronger. Covid-19 vaccine is given by injection, it is safe and effective.

Phase 1 vaccination programme was a success for Ugu District and will be completed shortly and phase 2 will start on 17 May 2021.

Phase 2 includes essential workers 40 years and above. Residents in congregate, Essential workers include municipal workers. Congregate settings, higher learning, old age home, correctional service and community: 60 years and above which will be the priority for now.

After phase 2, National Department of Health will

start phase 3 which will be targeting 18 years and above. Groups for phase 1, 2 and 3 must make up 67% of the total population for herd immunity to be achieved.

Community need to register on EVDS before receiving the vaccine. This is very crucial as a person will not get the vaccine without being registered. The registration link is vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za, it is available to every phone and the Department of Health is still trying to devise other means to register which will be accessible as well for those people who are not using smart phones.

Ugu Health District is working together with the stakeholders for community vaccination programme to be a success. All departments are willing to participate and also assist elderly in registering on EVDS. Registration desks are setup in all areas which include the malls, Traditional Administration Courts, community halls, churches, etc. Community vaccination will also be administered in community halls.

Ugu District is committed to a successful vaccination programme

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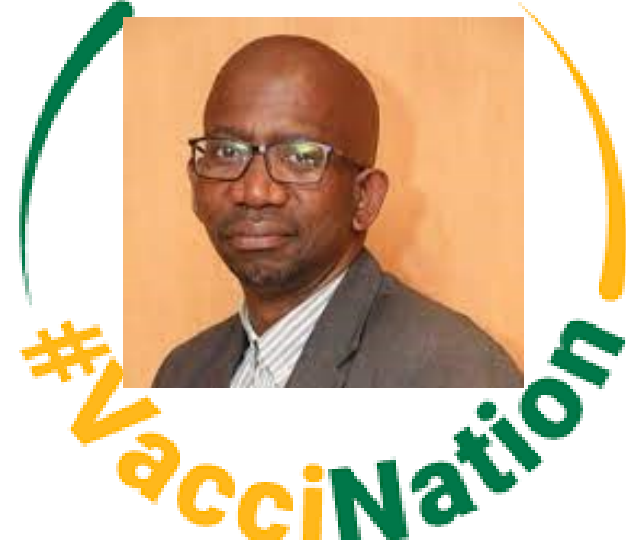
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UGU HEALTH DISTRICT HAD A SUCCESSFUL PREGNANCY AND STI AWARENESS EVENTS IN UMDONI MUNICIPALITY



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GJ Crookes Gateway Clinic hosted on the 18th, Dududu Clinic on the 19th and Umzinto Clinic on the 24th of February 2021.

Giving health education during this awareness, Mr Bonga Ndlovu, Manager for Mother and Child Women's Health at the district emphasized on the importance of early antenatal booking. He said it is very much important for a woman to quickly visit the nearest clinic on her early months of pregnancy to avoid some complications that may happen during the pregnancy. He encouraged women who attended awareness events to bring their partners on board as it is

important to have a person who will support you during your pregnancy

"The community must be aware that sexual reproductive health and choice of termination of pregnancy services are available in Ugu Health District Facilities, that is why it is encouraged that health facility users speak to health care workers so that they get assisted" said Mr Ndlovu. He also emphasized on prevention of sexual transmitted infections by using condoms as they are available for free in every health facilities. If a person identify that s/he is having a problem the clinic must be visited as soon as possible to avoid dangers of untreated STIs. These events were supported by the Programme Managers from the District Office Ms P Mlambo, Mrs N Ndlovu and Mrs T Mathenjwa. Covid-19 precautions were followed and health education talks was also done.



UMYANGO WEZEMPILO KWISIFUNDA UGU UBAMBE IZINGXOXO NGENHLOSO YOKULWISANA NESIFO SOFUBA



Zibe yimpumelelo izingxoxo ezibanjwe uMnyango weZempilo kwisiFunda Ugu ezimayelana nokubambisana ekulweni nesifo sofuba.

UMnyango weZempilo kwisiFunda Ugu uhlele izingxoxo nabaholi bomphakathi ukuzobonisa mayelana nokulwa nesifo sofuba. Lezingxoxo bezibanjelwe ehotela I St Michaels ngomhlaka 10, 17 kanye no 24 ku March 2021. Phakathi kwabaholi abebekhona kubalwa amaKhosi, abeFundisi kanye nabelaphi bendabuko kanti zonke iziFunda bezimelelekile ku-lezingxoxo

Abaholi baqhamuke nendlela abangasebenzisana ngayo noMnyango ukuze kuzanywe ukulwisana nesifo sofuba phakathi kwazo okubalwa ukugqugquzela umphakathi ukuze usheshe uthole usizo lwezempilo uma bebona ukuthi kukhona okuhambi kahle ikakhulu uma bebona izimpawu zesifo sofuba. Umphathi oqondene nesifo sofuba kwisiFunda Ugu Umnu Mcedisi Mahlangeni unxenxe abaholi ukuba basondelane kakhulu nemitholampilo ukuze kube lula

ukudluliselwa kweziguli ezisolisayo, baphinde bazibheke ukuba ziyayithatha imishanguzo ukuze zilapheke ngokuphelele. “Kungaba nayisu elincono ukuba abaholi babe yingxenywe yesigungu sokuqondisa emtholampilo ukuze bazi ukuthi kwenzakalani ngaphakathi, futhi lokhu kungasiza ukwazi kangcono okuqhubekayo kuMnyango weZempilo” kuchaza uMahlangeni.

Lemihlangano ibe impumelelo ngosizo lwenkampani I TB/HIV Care, okuyiyo esiza isiFunda ukulwa nesifo sofuba.



UGU HEALTH DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE



Mr Themba Mkhize

Ugu Health District has been joined by Mr Themba Mkhize, who was appointed as the Deputy Director Primary Health Care responsible for two sub-districts

which are Ray Nkonyeni and Umuziwabantu. Mr Mkhize started in this position from the 1st October 2020. His responsibilities are to coordinate, facilitate and ensure the development, implementation and maintenance of an integrated, effective and efficient district public health system, based on the primary health care approach as well as the imperatives set by strategic and other health programmes.

Mr Mkhize previously worked as HAST Manager for Montobelo hospital back in the years. He then exited the department as he once worked for Health Systems Trust and BroadReach. Later he came back and joined Ugu Health District as he was working as an Operational Manager St Faiths clinic and Bomela Clinic. Mr Mkhize also worked as an Assistant Nursing Manager PHC for Murchison Hospital.

His vision for the district is that promotive and preventive primary health care services are delivered timeously and humanely to the population of Ugu.

UGU HEALTH DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR: CLINICAL AND PROGRAMMES



Mr B Khowane

Mr Bonginkosi Khowane was appointed as the Deputy Director: Clinical and Programmes from the 1st of January 2021. His responsibilities on his portfolio is to provide strategic leadership in the provision of Clinical Health Programmes to all levels of the health system within the district and also to provide leadership for the Health Programme Management Team in order to ensure the delivery of high quality health care. Such responsibilities entail to convey a clear vision of transformation and oversee the Clinical Health Programme in

the transformation process within the district. In addition the incumbent is responsible for provision of leadership and guidance to all key stakeholders towards implementation of Health Promotion Strategy.

From his previous work experience working in the clinic as the professional nurse, he was part of the pioneers of the nurses who were trained on Nurse Initiated Management Antiretroviral (Nimart). He developed the passion of working with people living with HIV during the times when initiation of patients was doctor's responsibility that led to many clients long waiting time before initiation. When Department of Health initiated the different approach to mitigate such challenges of long waiting time of patients before ART initiation, Mr Khowane seized the opportunity after being trained to manage people living with HIV that assisted to bridge the gap of people being

referred to hospitals for initiation on HAART (Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy). While growing within the ranks of nursing Mr Khowane also worked in the province and appointed as the Acting Provincial EPI Manager. During this period he was overseeing the vaccine preventative disease and provided support to the 11 district in KwaZulu-Natal.

With his passion of primary health care Mr Khowane further worked in the clinic as the Operational Manager and further moved to be appointed as the Assistant Manager Nursing Primary Health Care before joining Ugu Health District in his new portfolio.

His vision for Ugu is to work amicable with all the stakeholders and district support partners ensuring that the community is comprehensively managed and treated holistically. His motivation is drawn from aspiration to work towards achieving 95-95-95 targets.

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Nakuba seluqalile uhlelo lokugoma uMnyango weZempilo uyaqhubeka nokuqguqguzela umphakathi ukuba ulandele imigomo yokuphepha ukuze uzivikele kubhubhane I Covid-19. Loluhlelo lokuhambela imiphakathi eyahlukahlukene lwaqalwa uNgqongqoshe weZempilo uNkk Nomagugu Simelane. Uhambisana nabasebenzi beZempilo kanye obuholi kuMasipala kumenyezwe kuphinde kunikwe ithemba njengoba kungaselula ukwenza imicimbi yemiphakathi emikhulu yokuqwashisa ngenxa yalo lolubhubhane. KwisiFunda Ugu loluhlelo lufike ngenyanga ka March kuwona lonyaka, kuhanjelwe ngempumelelo bonke oMasipala kubalwa kubo I Ray Nkonyeni, Umdoni, uMuziwabantu kanye noMzumbe kanti noNgqongqoshe ubeyingxenye yaloluhlelo.

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