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# NEWS

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## MEC FOR HEALTH OFFICIALLY UNVEILED 84 BRAND NEW COVID-19 ISOLATION WARDS AT GJ CROOKES HOSPITAL



### MEC FOR HEALTH MS NOMAGUGU SIMELANE AND UGU DISTRICT POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OFFICIALLY OPENED 84 COVID-19 ISOLATION WARDS AT GJ CROOKES HOSPITAL IN UMDONI

The MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane officially opened GJ Crookes Hospital's newly-renovated 35-bed maternity ward, which is currently used for isolation, as well as a separate purpose-built 49-bed isolation ward on the 2nd of

September 2021. MEC was accompanied by Ugu District Mayor Cllr Sizwe Ngcobo, Umdoni Mayor Cllr Sibongile Khathi and MP Fikile Masiko during this official opening. "We are very happy with the work that we have seen, as well as the

work that our healthcare workers are doing." said the MEC.

Ugu Health Acting District Director Mrs S Mabaso with District Office Management and Hospital Management were also present appreciated the MEC visit.

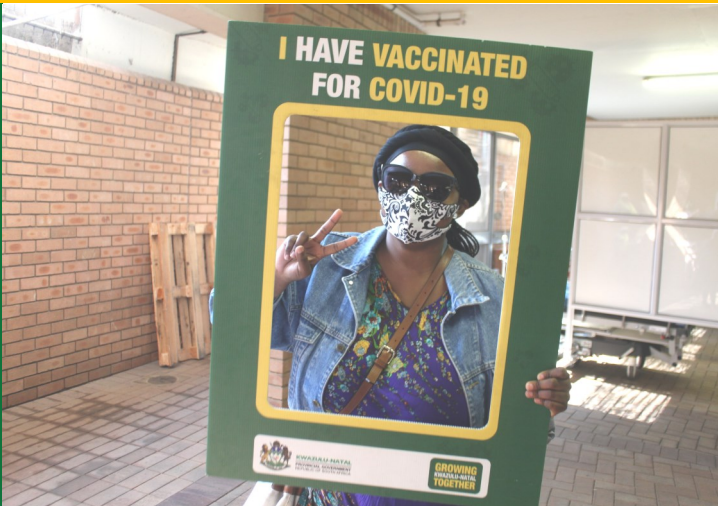
# UNQONGQOSHE UVULE NGOKUSEMTHETHWENI AMA-GUMBI AWU 84 E COVID-19 ESIBHEDLELA I GJ CROOKES



Ubuholi besiFunda kanye nabaphathi boMnyango behlangabeza uNqongqoshe



Ubuholi beisiFunda noNqongqoshe behalalisela ama 2000 emva kokuthatha umgomo we Covid-19



Akuthakasele kakhulu ama 2000 ukuthatha umgomo we Covid-19 eSibhedlela I GJ Crookes



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## MEC SHOWERS NEWBORN TRIPLETS AND THEIR OVERWHELMED MOTHER WITH GIFTS PLEDGES TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS



MEC FOR HEALTH MS NOMAGUGU SIMELANE AND UGU DISTRICT MAYOR CLLR SIZWE NGCOBO WELCOMING TRIPLETS

Impoverished mother of newborn triplets from KwaDumisa village, under Umdoni Municipality has found hope after a visit by KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Ms Nomagugu Simelane. The triplets were born at GJ Crookes Hospital and they were recovering during the visit as they were one week old having been born prematurely, at eight months.

The MEC came bearing gifts for the all-male triplets Aphile, Asiphile and Asibonge – clothes, nappies and blankets; as well as even greater news for their 39 year-old mother Malitha Ndlovu. She also promised a brand new home that will be built for her and the children.

Malitha admitted to the MEC and uGu District leadership that she initially felt overwhelmed when she found out only during her delivery on the 25th of August 2021 that she was carrying triplets. “I was confused at first when the doctor told me while I was delivering, that I was going to have two babies.

I asked her whether she was serious, and she said yes. When they found the third baby, I was somewhat sad because I was really not expecting to have so many babies,” she recalled. Babies’ father Mlungisi Mzizi, is also unemployed, he was shocked after hearing the news. “I told him on the phone about the triplets, he said he couldn’t hear me properly and put the phone down, he then called me back and asked for the second time how many babies I had given birth to.” explains Malitha.

She wished her babies good health and prosperity in life. She expressed a wish to secure herself a job, so she could take better care of her children. She would be registering the triplets so that they can receive a child support grant, like her other two children.

The triplets are being breastfed and were being taken care of by medical and nursing staff at GJ Crookes Hospital. Their mother appreciated the care as her children were recovering and gaining weight.

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# UGU HEALTH DISTRICT LEGISLATURE VISIT



**KWAZULU NATAL LEGISLATURE MEMBER DURING THEIR SUPPORT IN UGU DISTRICT**

On the 27th of August 2021 honorable members were joined by the MEC Champion Mrs Nonhlanhla Khoza and Ugu District Mayor Cllr Sizwe Ngcobo at Mfundo Arnold Lushaba where they were giving the feedback to Ugu Health District Management.

Responding to the feedback by Legislature members and listening to the presentation by Ugu Health District management, MEC Nonhlanhla Khoza mentioned that there is a need to strengthen work relations with the Ugu District Municipality to assist as it was mentioned that, there are shortage of cars particularly for mobilization, as officials need to go and loud hail for vaccination teams to get number of people when they go out to vaccinate. She also mentioned that number of people died after getting the vaccine needs to be recorded, that will assist a lot in dealing with myths. The issue of a health hazard sewage at Mfundo Arnold Lushaba CHC which is a long standing issue was also mentioned.

The visit was a success. Legislature members was happy about the vaccination processes in Ugu District. They applauded health care workers for the work that is done. The presence of the MEC Champion and the District Mayor was also appreciated.

Ugu Health District was one of the districts that were visited by Legislature members when they were all over the province. Ugu was visited from 25 to 27 August 2021. The aim of the visit was to give support as the country is busy with Covid-19 vaccination drive.

All sites that were visited, Honorable members were having the chance to engage with staff members to hear if there are any challenges, the aim was for them to give support where possible.

All sub-districts were visited. Members were given a chance to engage with staff members, sites leaders and the community just to get the idea on what is happening on the ground since the whole country is busy with the vaccination. The aim was also to check if legible groups are coming in numbers to get their vaccine, as announced by the President of the country.



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# THATHA UMGOMO WE COVID-19, KUPHEPHILE



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UNGOONGOQSHE WEZEMPILLO

**KUSUKELA EMANDULO  
UMGOMO WAWUVELE  
USIVIKELA EZIFWENI  
EZINHLOBONHLOBO,  
FUTHI UPHEPHILE**

Akukho lutho oluhlukile ngomgomo we-COVID - 19.  
Ukuze uphile kade, gomela iCOVID-19. Khetha ukuvikeleka.

**GOMELA I COVID-19**



Siyagoma Waya-Waya nsuku zonke. **Siyagoma** Waya-Waya  
#choosevaccination



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UNGOONGOQSHE WEZEMPILLO

**NGABE  
UKHULELWE  
FUTHI UYAZIBUZA UKUTHI  
KUFANELE YINI UGOME?**

Khululeka; umgomo we COVID-19  
**uphephile.** Awuphazamisi lutho, futhi  
nokukhulelwa ngeke kuphazamiseke.

**GOMA NAMUHLA UKUZE WENA  
NENGANE YAKHO NIPHEPHE!!!**

Siyagoma Waya-Waya nsuku zonke. **Siyagoma** Waya-Waya  
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UNGOONGOQSHE WEZEMPILLO

**ASINGALALELI  
IZIMFEKETHO  
EZISHIWO ABANTU NGOMGOMO**

Umgomo we-COVID - 19 uhlolwe wososayensi  
waqinisekiswa ukuthi

**UPHEPHILE**



**Gomela i-COVID-19**  
ukuze ugweme ubuhlungu obuhambisana  
nokubulawa yilesi sifo

Siyagoma Waya-Waya nsuku zonke. **Siyagoma** Waya-Waya  
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UNK NOMAGUGU SIMELANE, UNGOONGOQSHE WEZEMPILLO

**GOMELA IGCIWANE  
LE-COVID-19 UVIKELE  
IMPILO YAKHO**

Zakhamuzi zaKwaZulu-Natali,

Ngokubambisana, SESIHAMBE ibanga ELIDE futhi SISAZOQHUBEKA  
nempilo uma sithatha isinqumo esiphusile sokuthi siphume SIYOGOMA  
MAHHALA HHA, sigomela leli gciwane likamashayabhuce i-COVID-19.

Sekuyisona sikhathi njengamanje lesi sokuthi leli  
thuba eliyinqayizivele lokuthuthukisa impilo yethu  
silibambisise ngezandla zombili ukuze sizovikeleka.



# NJENGOBA SEKUVULELWE UKUGOMA OKUSUKA EMINYAKENI ENGA-MA-12, UGU SELUDLULISELE UHLELO LOMGOMO EMITHOLAMPILO



UNKK B MAVUNDLA OBHEKELELE UKUSEBENZA KWE-MITHOLAMPILO KWISIFUNDA UGU

Obhekelele ukusebenza kwemitholampilo uNkk Buhle Mavundla nokunguye ogqugquzela loluhlelo, uthi lokhu kuzosiza kakhulu futhi sisazokwengwezwa isibalo semitholampilo egomayo. Wonke umuntu olungele ukuthola umgomo angawuthola emitholampilo oseeduze naye kusukela ezinganeni ezineminyaka eyishumi nambili.

“Imitholampilo ikulungele ukugoma wonke umuntu okulungele ukugoma, abahlengikazi abasebenza ezikoleni okuyibo abasiza abantwana besikole baphinde balalele izinkinga zabo, ngabe ziphathelene nokugoma noma okunye bayatholakala emitholampilo. Kuphinde kube khona abahlengikazi abasebenza emiphakathini abasiza ukuhambela labo abagulayo abangakwazi ukuya emitholampilo baba-gomela emakhaya.” kuchaza uMavundla.

Onompilo baneqhaza elikhulu abalibambile kulesikhathi sokugoma njengoba behambela imiphakathi baphinde bayiqguquzele ukuthi iphume ngobunigi bayo ukuyogoma. Kulesikhathi samanje uMnyango ubayalele ukuthi okungenani unompilo ngamunye athole abantu abathathu abazogoma ngosuku. Lokhu kungaba nomthelela omuhle okukhuliseni izibalo zabantu abagomayo njengoba onompilo abasebenza ngaphansi kwesiFunda Ugu belinganiselwa emakhulwini ayisishagalombili, amashumi amane nesithupha-846.

Ngaphezu kwezikhungo ezivulwa nsuku zonke kubuye kube nezikhungo zesikhashana emahhola, emasontweni, emarank, ezinkantolo zamaKhosi nakwezinye izindawo. Kuba nemikhankaso eqondene nalabo basebenzi abasebenza ezimbonini njengoba bengakwazi ukuthola izinsuku zokuvakashela imitholampilo, bayahanjelwa bagonyelwe khona ezikhungweni zabo zokusebenza kanti bayaluthakasela kakhulu loluhlelo.

UNKk Mavundla uqguquzela kakhulu kazi intsha ukuba iphume ngobunigi bayo ukuyothola umgomo ukuze kuvikeleke isizwe. Uthi okumangaza kakhulu ukuthi abantu abadala ibona abaphume ngobunigi babo ukuyogoma ukudlula intsha. “Lokhu kusimangazile kodwa futhi sakujabulela ukuthi abantu abadala baphume ngobunigi babo, umgomo we Covid-19 usiza kakhulu ekuvikeleni ekutheni abantu bagule kakhulu baze badinge usizo lokulaliswa ezibhedlela” kuqhuba uMavundla.

Ephetha uthe zonke izikhungo zimi ngomumo abantu mabaphume ngobunigi babo ukuze kuvikeleke ikakhulu abantu abadala abakhombise isasa elikhulu.



ABASEBENZI BEZEMPILO BENZA UMSEBENZI ONCOMEKAYO KULESI SIKHATHI SOKUGOMELA I COVID-19

Ukukhuphula izinombolo zabantu abathatha umgomo wegciwane le Covid-19 uMnyango weZempilo kwisiFunda Ugu usuqale uhlelo logugomela emitholampilo ukuze umgomo usondele emphakathini. Iyishumi nane imitholampilo eqalise ngaloluhlelo olwenza izikhungo zokugoma ezivulwa zonke izinsuku zinyukele emashumini amabili.

Kubona bonke oMasipala abane abakhele isiFunda Ugu banayo imitholampilo esiqalile ngaloluhlelo.

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# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR UGU HEALTH DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF MEMBERS



NEWLY EMPLOYED OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER MS L MWANDLA

Ugu Health District Office employees does not have to travel offsite when ever they do not feel well or need any Occupational Health Services. This was after the District Office recently employed Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner Ms L Mwandla who started to work in this office on the 1st of September 2021.

Occupational health is a type of medical service for: supporting employees and employers. Helping well-being in the workplace. The occupational health practitioner's job is to ensure that occupational disease does not develop in workers and that where the disease process is identified the degree of impairment is limited to such an extent that the workers' quality of life is not impaired. This programme assist in improving employees health.

Employers have a legal duty to implement a health surveillance programme if their employees are exposed to certain health risks. Health surveillance is required in any workplace which is why Ugu Health District Office perceive occupational health as one of

Ms Mwandla is based at the District Office. She is a qualified professional nurse who is a specialist in occupational health. She also pursued her studies doing other courses in nursing. She has worked in different companies including public and private sector, doing occupational health. She has a passion for what she is doing.

Amongst the services that she offers is management of injury on duty, HIV testing, TB testing and all other primary health care services. She has a capacity to refer the employees as per the need according to her capacity. She is also responsible for Covid-19 testing and screening for all the employees. She makes follow ups and takes care of those who test positive, giving them hope and support while isolating at home until they finish their isolation or quarantine days.

District Office employees including those from Forensic and Pathology Services and Emergency Medical Services are very excited to have these services closer to them as they are now sure that their health needs are being taken care of.

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# UGU DISTRICT SUPPORT VISIT BY HEAD OFFICE TO CHECK ON VACCINATION PROGRAMME



On the 28th of July 2021 Ugu Health District was visited by Chief Director District Health Services, Mr J Mdebele. The aim of the visit was to support the district on the different issues and also to check if Covid-19 vaccination programme is going well. Ugu Health District Acting District Director Mrs Siphokazi Mabaso gave Mr Mdebele the district picture on different programmes. Mr Mdebele's focus was also on complaints particularly those which includes two districts which is Ethekwini and Ugu.

As the visit was at GJ Crookes Hospital, Mr Mdebele got the chance to visit the hospital vaccination site. He engaged with health care workers and encouraged them to continue to do an excellent job. He also encouraged the community members to invite others to come and take their vaccine.

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