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### **DIRECTIVE ON PUBLIC HYGIENE MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID 19**

In actioning the measures announced by the President to delay and prevent the spread of COVID 19 in the country, as part of public health response, the National Department of Health developed a national strategy and implementation plan (attached) on public hygiene measures to be implemented by various stakeholders.

Public hygiene interventions play an important role in reducing and preventing the spread of COVID 19 in communities and in empowering communities with the necessary knowledge that will positively impact attitudes of both personal and community hygiene practices. The strategy focuses on 3 key public hygiene measures i.e. Community based measures, personal protective measures and public education and awareness.

The Department of Health urge all stakeholders to implement measures as outlined in the implementation plan as a matter of urgency.

A Task Team is established to coordinate public hygiene matters and reporting. Please contact Ms Aneliswa Cele to submit a name of a representative for your department.

Resources relating to the prevention strategies for the Coronavirus can be found on the National Institute of Communicable Diseases.

Let us join hands in a combined effort which I believe will help the country combat this outbreak.

Sincerely

**DR ZWELINI MKHIZE, MP**  
**MINISTER OF HEALTH**  
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