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**Health Minister conducts oversight visit in Mpumalanga health facilities**

**Pretoria:** Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla will this week visit to Mpumalanga health facilities to assess the state of public health service delivery and receive first-hand information on the reports of alleged criminal activities taking place in some facilities, which threaten the safety and security of health workers, patients, service providers and infrastructure.

Minister Phaahla will also preside over the official and handover of newly constructed state-of-the-art Community Health Centre as part of the government`s of continuing efforts to strengthen primary health care in preparation for the rollout of National Health Insurance to achieve universal health coverage. Minister Phaahla will be joined by Mpumalanga Premier, Ms Refilwe Mtsweni-Tsipane and MEC for Health, Ms Sasekani Manzini amongst other leaders.

**The two-day visit is scheduled as follows:**

**DAY ONE:** Establish impact of criminal activities threatening safety of health workers.

**Date:** Wednesday, 17 April 2024  
**Time:** 9h00  
**Venue:** Themba Hospital in Kabokweni near White River

**DAY TWO: Official Opening & Handover of Balfour Community Health Centre**

**Date:** Thursday, 18 April 2024  
**Time:** 9h00  
**Venue:** Balfour Community Health Centre, Dipaleseng Local Municipality, MP

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