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**04 JUNE 2020**

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT DAVID MABUZA VISITS FREE STATE PROVINCE**

The Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency, David Mabuza, will on Friday, 05 June 2020 visit the Free State Province as the country enters Alert Level 3 of the Risk-Adjusted Approach to easing the nationwide lockdown.

The visit, which will be to Mangaung, is as a result of the decision by the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC) that the President and the Deputy President should assess the state of readiness of all provinces, in terms of functionality of provincial and district Coronavirus command structures. Other areas of focus will be the state of readiness of provincial health infrastructure in responding to the Coronavirus pandemic and the extent of the reach of economic and social Coronavirus relief measures to those that these interventions are intended for.

The Free State visit is a continuation of the work of government to flatten the curve and save lives.

The Deputy President visits Mangaung as the epicentre of the Coronavirus infections in the Free State province. During this visit, Deputy President Mabuza will be joined by Premier Sisi Ntombela and Members of the Free State Provincial Coronavirus Command Council, in visiting the Provincial Health Command Centre, the Universitas Academic Hospital – one of the provincial health facilities designated for isolation and treatment of people infected with Coronavirus. The Deputy President will also address a cohort of newly recruited nurses and social workers, employed to support the implementation of the provincial coronavirus response plan.

The move to Alert Level 3 calls on all South Africans to play an active role in saving lives and preserving livelihoods.

Media is invited to cover the visit as follows:

DATE: Friday, 5 June 2020

Meeting and arrival point: Central University of Technology (CUT), Bloemfontein, Free State at 7:30 am.

**MEDIA PROGRAMME:**

- Briefing to the Deputy President by the Premier  
CUT  
07:30  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
- Presentation on the Provincial Corona Virus Response Plan  
CUT  
09:00
- Visit and inspection of Health Command Centre  
Bophelo House (Free State Department of Health Headquarters)  
11:15  
MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE
- Handover of appointment letters to newly recruited Nurses and Social Workers  
Bophelo House (Free State Department of Health Headquarters)  
11:30  
MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

- Visit to Universitas Academic Hospital  
12:00  
MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Members of the media who wish to cover the visit by the Deputy President, are requested to confirm their attendance with Nthabiseng Diphoko on 082 9013466 by 18:00 today, 04 June 2020.

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