

MEDIA STATEMENT

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EC Health Gears Up for Safe and Healthy Festive Season

BHISHO – With the onset of the festive season, the Eastern Cape Department of Health (ECDoH) is steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the well-being and safety of the public. As the year draws to a close, the department urges individuals and motorists to take proactive measures for their health and safety during this celebratory period.

Recognizing the typical surge in patient numbers, including holidaymakers, in hospitals across the province during this time, the ECDoH has diligently implemented robust contingency plans. These plans are designed to ensure all healthcare facilities operate seamlessly and efficiently, catering to any potential emergencies that may arise.

Community involvement is crucial in maintaining a safe environment and promoting overall health. The department urges everyone to contribute by adhering to safety measures and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Major health facilities are primed to handle an influx of patients, with specialized emergency teams strategically stationed along key national roads across the province.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are on high alert and have been actively aiding victims of motor vehicle accidents since the commencement of this month. As part of the proactive measures, health MEC, Ms Nomakhosazana Meth, will be leading a team of paramedics on a demonstration of their capabilities along the N6 road outside Komani on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. All emergency services, including air ambulance and rescue teams, will be deployed along this route to assist motorists.

MEC Meth extends warm wishes for an enjoyable and incident-free festive season to all. She emphasizes the importance of responsible behavior among motorists, urging them to avoid recklessness, particularly in regards to drinking and driving.

The Eastern Cape Department of Health is fully committed to safeguarding the health and safety of all individuals during this festive season. Stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy the holidays responsibly.

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