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LIMPOPO COVID-19 PROVINCIAL COMMAND COUNCIL HELD ITS BI-WEEKLY MEETING.

The Limpopo Provincial Covid-19 Command Council has successfully held its bi-weekly meeting today. During this virtual engagement, the PCC strongly condemned the killing of people and gender based violence cases taking place in the province.

The PCC was informed that as of the **19th October 2020**, the province has recorded **16 788** cases, **15 890** recoveries, **458** active cases and sadly **440** deaths. It was also revealed that the province has recorded **72 new** coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours.

In terms of the district break down, **Capricorn** is leading with **5 617**, followed by **Waterberg** with **3 834**, third place being **Sekhukhune** with **2 744**, **Mopani** at fourth place with **2 538**, while **Vhembe** been at number five with **2 052** cases.

On **education**, the PCC raised very serious concerns regarding the fluctuating number of learners and teachers who are reporting for classes across the province. In some cases, learners are not reporting to school and have not registered for home schooling. Regarding teachers, attendance at some school is fluctuating even though the principle is that all teachers must report to school every day.

It is against the above background that districts and circuits offices are encouraged to monitor and redress the situation. However, learner attendance of **Grade 12s** throughout the province is above 99% and learner support programs for them are being implemented successfully.

The PCC has also noted the fact that, Minister of Coghta, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma has extended the **National State of Disaster** from the 15th October 2020 to 15th November 2020, in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.

The PCC was equally told that Limpopo Province is currently having **2 243 beds** reserved for covid-19 patients should a **disaster** arise.

Regarding covid-19 **water relieve projects**, the PCC heard that currently **101 intervention projects**, valued at **R237, 359, 307 million** have been prioritized across the length and the breadth of the province.

The Provincial Joint Operations Committee will continue monitoring the situation for any eventuality which might arise, particularly as the whole country is on guard against the **second surge**.

The PCC wishes to remind the people of Limpopo Province that coronavirus is still a threat to life and that the responsibility to curb its spread lies in the hands of every individual. The message is still the same, **cover your mouth and nose with face mask, observe social distance, wash your hands with water and soap, and sanitize and StaySafe.**

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