

Media Statement
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A CASE OF MONKEY POX CONFIRMED IN LIMPOPO

Health MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba is calling for calm amidst the confirmation of the first case of monkeypox in Limpopo. The case has been confirmed by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD).

The confirmed case is that of a 42 year old male tourist from Switzerland who is holidaying in the province. The case presented with signs and symptoms such as rash, lymphadenopathy, muscle ache and fatigue.

MEC Ramathuba calls on community members not to panic. "We are calling for calm. We can confirm that the case is an outpatient, currently isolating and requires no admission," said MEC Ramathuba.

The MEC says the department has already sent officials to follow through the case. "Three contacts have already been identified and none of them have developed signs thus far," says MEC.

The department wishes to encourage all people who interact with a lot of people in their line of work to continue wearing of masks even though the COVID-19 protocols have been relaxed.

More information will be communicated once available.

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