PUBLIC NOTICE: COVID19 UPDATE

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KSD Municipality has tested 968 its staff members with approximately 61 reported cases testing positive for COVID-19. During the same period the municipality has lost at least four of its employees to COVID-19 related deaths.

We are extremely sad of the passing on of these members of our staff, the people of KSD are indeed poorer without them, in a time where we needed all their experiences to help us support the public health response to the fight against the novel coronavirus ravaging our municipality.

It is relief to us that PPEs for all our staff members has now been delivered, making us ready to back our teams in the phased-in approach that has been presented, discussed and agreed upon with our social partners (trade unions).

We also appreciate our social partners for providing protective gear such as face cloth masks for their members as part of their positive contribution to this war against an invisible enemy.

We have been experiencing delays from the Department of Health in assisting us to test the families of all those whom have tested positive in our municipality including whom are members of our staff. The same situation prevails as it relates those whom must be urgently assisted with isolation or to be quarantined.

Our situation is further worsened by delays in approving of recommended isolation and quarantine sites by Provincial Government Department. On the other hand many sites get closed by the Department of Labour due to non-compliance with COVID-19 regulations for site housing suspected and known COVID-19 cases.

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