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To: DISTRICT DIRECTORS
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CES FOR CURRICULUM AND GOVERNANCE
NSNP DISTRICT COORDINATORS
NSNP OFFICERS
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 DURING WINTER SEASON IN SCHOOLS

The Department is aware that there are concerns about a possible predicted third wave of COVID-19, commonly referred to as the Coronavirus, and many questions are being asked. The past COVID-19 waves made all of us to be aware that the pandemic is real, therefore all health and safety measures cannot be relaxed. As leaders of your districts, circuits and schools, you must continue to urge your learners, teachers, non-teaching staff and the school community to remain calm and not to panic or overreact to the situation.

The Limpopo Department of Education strives to keep schools informed of any developments that may affect them. Therefore there is currently no information that warrants our leaders to take any decision with regards to the third wave. School principals are directed to do the following:

- a) Visits by parents, SGBs, marketing companies, community structures, motivational talks, at schools are prohibited;
- b) Sporting activities as directed by the Department of Basic Education be suspended;

c) Adherence to COVID-19 measures such as wearing of masks without fail, daily screening, sneezing into your elbow or a tissue and not shaking hands, sanitising of hands and work spaces, washing of hands with soap and social distancing both in class and during breaks must be strengthened and sustained.


d) Learners must receive their meals in the classrooms but observing social distancing

In case there is an incidence that relates to a possible COVID-19 infection schools should continue to apply the 2020 revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) without fail. I advise that if any learner is showing severe symptoms, he/she should consult a health care practitioner immediately or contact the dedicated COVID-19 health officials in your area but in case you do not get help you can call Ms Marlene Freda Ngobeneni at 079 491 1909 or Ms Mashudu P. Mudau at 071 678 3834. They will advise on whether the individual learner should self-isolate and consult the health authorities if there are any further potential risks.

Restriction on travel cannot be enforced at schools, however, I advise that any school that have planned tours during winter vacation should reconsider this, engage with their governing bodies as well as the parents of the learners concerned. We urge all schools and families to continue to practice the preventative measures publicised by previous circulars, pamphlets and different mediums. Remain safe and healthy as you continue to engage learners in teaching and learning processes.

The contents of this circular should be brought to the attention of relevant stakeholders.

Yours sincerely



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