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COVID-19 is dangerous and we must take care

WITH 196 750 coronavirus cases and 3 199 deaths recorded by 5 July, government is again urging citizens to protect themselves and adhere to lockdown regulations.

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outh Africa is seeing a fast rise in its number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and government expects infections to surge in July and August.

The word surge entails a sudden and big increase in the number of positive cases, as recently seen in Gauteng, where the number of infections has grown to over 63 400 in a short Health in managing the virus period of time.

Health Minister Zweli Mkhize explains that various factors will contribute to the surge, including people moving around more; people getting together in groups; and people not wearing face masks and not social distancing.

As a result of the increasing number of cases, President Cyril Ramaphosa has extended the employment of 20 000 South African National Defence Force (SANDF) members from 27 June until 30 September.

Apart from helping to maintain law and order and protect the country's borders, the SANDF will work with the National Department of through the provision of field hospitals, medical screening and quarantine facilities. It will also support the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs' efforts to maintain and enhance the



living conditions of the pop- virus. Mpumalanga is one of inces with bigger populations ulation. This will include the supply of water.

After visiting Mpumalanga on 3 July, President Ramaphosa said he was pleased with the province's efforts to fight the the least affected provinces. At the time of the President's visit, it had 1478 cases, with 520 recoveries and nine fatalities.

He warned, however, that while more industrialised provhad far more cases, the surge in infections would hit all regions. People must not let their guard down, he said.

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Kubonga lokukhetsekile lokucondziswe kutisebenti tetfu tekunakekela ngetemphilo



inani lalabashone ngenca yeligciwane le-corona esikhatsini lesisandza kwendlula selengce sibalo se-2 000. Emkhatsini walabo labalahlekelwe timphilo tabo tisebenti tekunakekela ngetemphilo, tingcweti letiphelele lebetinakekela labagulako, futsi betitinsika futsi tidvudvuta labo labasesibhedlela labahlukanisiwe nemindeni yabo.

Indzaba yekutsi lamadvodza nabomake labenta lemisebenti lehloniphekile nalengcwele kwabona bayagula futsi bayashona kusishayo lesibuhlungu kakhulu.

Ngibo labayibambe embili lapho imphi yekulwa nalolubhubhane ishisa khona. Basebenta ngaphasi kwekucindzeteleka lokukhulu futsi kufanele kutsi batfwale kucindzeteleka ngekwengcondvo ngobe bati kutsi basebungotini bekutseleleka ngaleligciwane. Bangemachawekati nemachawe sibili emphi yetfu yekulwa naleligciwane le-corona.

Sibatfulela sigcoko labantfu baseNingizimu Afrika labanesibindzi labashiya emakhaya abo, imindeni kanye nalababatsandzako kutsi baye emsebentini ngaphandle kwekuphutsa onkhe malanga emitfolamphilo, etibhedlela

kanye nakuletinye tikhungo tetemphilo. Lapho bafike banike kunakekela kwetekwelashwa, kwesekela ngetekuphatsa kanye naletinye tinsita letifanana nekuhlanta kanye nekuphakela ngekudla.

Njengaloku nabo benta umsebenti wabo webungcweti, natsi kanjalo sinemsebenti lekumele kutsi siwente kubo kanye nasemindenini yabo. Imphilo yabo kanye nekuphepha kwabo kufanele kutsi kube ngulokusemcoka kakhulu.

Siyabahlonipha futsi siyabatisa njengabobabe nabomake labakhombise kutsi batimisele kubeka timphilo tabo ebungotini kute kutsi tsine eTindvuna kuleso naleso siphile.

Kute kutsi bente umsebenti wabo lomkhulu bayakudzinga kutsi sibasekele kanye nekutsi sibavikele ngekutsi sibanike tisetjentiswa tekutsi bativikele bona (i-PPE).

Ngekwesekelwa Sikhwama Semfelandzawonye kanye neminikelo levela kulabo bantfu labanengi baseNingizimu Afrika, emabhizinisi, tinhlangano kanye nalabanye bohulumende, sikhonile kutsi sitsenge tisetjentiswa tekuvikela letisebenti letinesibindzi letisebenta embili lapho kunebungoti khona. Lapho kube nekuswelakala

kwetisetjentiswa tekutivikela (ema-PPE) tibhedlela tetfu tiyakulungisa ngekushesha loko kuci nisekisa kutsi tiyatfolakala.

Siyati kutsi kukhona kufinyelela kutfola tisetjentiswa tekutivikela akusiyo kuphela insayeya tisebenti tetfu tekunakekela ngetemphilo letibukene nayo. Kuyo yonkhe imitfolamphilo yalelive kanye netibhedlela tibukene nekuswelakala kwetisebenti. Lenkinga isasonjululwa.

Kwesekela lomsebenti lowentiwa tisebenti tetfu letisebenta ebungotini kulolonkhe lelive sitfumela Tindvuna kanye neMasekela sigodzi kulelive titibonele tinkinga letitsite kuleto tigodzi kanye nekutsi tisebentisane netiphatsimandla tetemphilo tetifundza.

Kudzingeka kutsi sisebente kanye kanye kute sigadze hhayi kuphela timphilo tetisebenti tetfu letisebenta ebungotini kodvwa tonkhe tisebenti.

Kunemsebenti lomuhle kakhulu losewentiwe tinyonyana ekufundziseni emalunga eveni lonkhe mayelana nekulawula kusuleleka kanye nekuvikeleka kanye nekuhlanteka. Tiphindze futsi tisekele umsebenti weLitiko Letekucashwa Nemisebenti ekubambeni imihlanganosikolwa yekuhlola kucinisekisa kutsi kunekugcinwa kwetinchubo tetemphilo nekuphepha letikhona taleto tisebenti letibuyako. Tinyonyana tetfu letinengi tiphindze futsi tinike lwatiso lweligciwane le-corona kumalunga ato kantsi nebacashi banemikhankhaso labayentako yekucaphelisa.

Yinye yetinsayeya lebonakele kulelive letfu kubandlululwa kwalabo bantfu labatfolakale kutsi banaleligciwane le-corona. Njengemmango, sinesibopho sonkhe ngekuhlanganyela kutsi sikucedze nya lokubandlululwa kwebantfu labasuleleke ngaleligciwane le-corona. Kunemibiko letsikametako yebantfu labakhishwa umkhomboloti emimangweni yabo kanye nemimango leshucela tigulane letineligciwane le-corona letingeniswe etibhedlela tendzawo kanye nasemitfolamphilo. Loko kufanele kutsi

Njengaloku sihlangana ekugcugcuteleni kwemukelwa kwalabo labaphila neligciwane le-HIV futsi sime sicine simelane nekuhlukunvetwa, kufanele kutsi sikhombise kuvisisa, kwemukelana, umusa, kuvelana kanye nekucabangela labo labasuleleke ngaleligciwane kanye nemindeni yabo.

Kutsiwa kubandlululana kugcugcutelwa kwesaba kwesuleleka ngesifo kanye nekweswela kuvisisa. Indlela lencono kakhulu yekuncoma kwesaba kwetfu kugula kanye nekutsatselana kutsi sigcine tinchubo tekuhlanteka letibekiwe. Kwesaba kwesuleleka kunesizatfu lesivakalako futsi kuliciniso. Ngalokufananako, siyati kutsi yini lekumele kutsi siyente kute sitivikele futsi sivikele nalabanye.

Siyati kutsi yini lokubangela leligciwane nekutsi yini

lesingakwenta kute sitivikele kutsi singatseleleki. Siyati kutsi kufanele kutsi sichelelane ngekwenhlalo, sihlale sodvwa nangabe kwenteke satsintsana nalabo labasulelekile kanye nekutsi siye esibhedlela nangabe sinetimphawu letikhomba kwesuleleka.

Kufanele kutsi sichubeke siholwe ngemaciniso hhayi emahemuhemu.

Sikhatsi sekutsi utsi ababati umuntfu losulelekile nome lotsintsekile ngaleligciwane le-corona sesendlule kudzala. Nyalo, kakhulu kunakucala, bangani betfu, imindeni yetfu, lesisebenta nabo kanye nabomakhelwane badzinga luvelo lwetfu kwanye nekubasekela.

Kulamalanga, emaviki kanye netinyanga letitako, ngaletinye tikhatsi sitawukutikhandza sesiphelelwe litsemba futsi sesesaba nasibona emanani ebantfu labasulelekile kanye nalabo labashonako achubeka ngekwenyuka. Kungenteka kutsi tintfo tibe timbi kakhulu, kodvwa sinesiciniseko sekutsi sitawubancono. Bososayensi betfu kanye nebaluleki betekwelapha baseluleka ngekutsi lizinga lekusuleleka litakwenyuka njengaloku sisondzela esicongweni setfu. Kodvwa nakanjani litawuphindza futsi lehle.

Sibonga leto tisebenti letinakekela ngetemphilo letilahlekelwe timphilo tato ngekunakekela labagulako. Ekubakhumbuleni kwetfu, asitigcine siphephile kanye netakhamuti takitsi ngekutsi sidlale indzima yetfu.

Sitalincoba leligciwane futsi siphindze sisakhe futsi sive sakitsi. Sesike sahlangabetana netikhatsi letimatima kodvwa satincoba.

Asingagodli emandla nome sibindzi njengaloku sisebenta ngekuhlanganyela ekusindziseni timphilo tebantfu.

TAKAMUVA NGE-COVID-19

Umlimi lomncane utfola lusito lwe-COVID-19

UMLIMI losafufusa waseMpumalanga Kapa ungulomunye walabazuzile Esikhwameni Selusito Lweligciwane leCorona sahulumende.

Silusapho Nyanda

Suduka (27) ukhulisa ligama nemnotfo wemndeni wakubo ngekusisa kutekulima.

Umnikati we- 4 U and 4 Me Primary Cooperative esigodzini saseMooiplaas watfola kwesekelwa lokuvela Kusikhwama Selusito Lweligciwane le-Corona (COVID-19) Selitiko Letekulima, Lekubuyiselwa Kwemhlaba Nelekutfutfukisa Tindzawo Tasemakhaya selipulazi lakhe lemacandza, lemfuyo nelemifino.

Litiko likhiphe emavawusha lalingana R1.2 emabhiliyoni kubalimi labanesidzingo.

Suduka utsi ivawusha yakhe itamsita kutsi akhulise incenye yelibhizinisi lakhe



Nomagcinandile Suduka ugucule lipulazi lakubo lelilima kancane laba libhizinisi lelincane.

lekukhicita emacandza. "Ngatfola emavawusha lamatsatfu elinani selilonkhe leli- R19 000. Ivawusha yelinani leli-R12 000 yeku-

tsenga tinkhukhu letitalela emacandza leti-100, ivawusha yelinani leli-R6 500 yekutsenga kudla nevawusha ye-R500 yekutsenga imitsi." Wacala lelipulazi lakhe lekukhicita emacandza ngekunika tinkhukhu takubo tendzabuko kudla lokukhulisa kutalela emacandza, lokutenta tikhicite emacandza ngaphandle kwekuhlangana nelichudze. Tinkhukhu takhe leti-50 nyalo tikhicita emacandza la-50 ngelilanga, lawatsengisa njalo ngeliviki.

Suduka, lobuye abe ngumlimi wetimbuti leti-73, timvu leti-25 netinkhomo leti-25, wacala kuba ngumlimi ngemnyaka we-2015 emva kwekutfola Sitifiketi se-N6 se-Public Management lasitfola e-Ikhala Training and Vocational Education and Training College. Emva kwekubona kutsi kute ematfuba ekutfola umsebenti, watsatsa sincumo sekutsatsa lipulazi lakubo lebelilima kancane waligucula laba

libhizinisi lelinenzuzo.

Suduka utsi: "Sikhule senta umsebenti webulimi, ngako-ke emva kwekutfola ticu ngitsetse sincumo sekuba ngumlimi kunekutsi ngibuke umsebenti."

Loku kube sincumo lesikhutsatako, njengoba bekasakhulise timbuti netinkhomo letinengi.

Sivandze saSaduka lesimahektha lasitfupha sikhicita ummbila, emazambane, emaphizi nemabhontjisi. Ummbila uhlanyelwe kumahektha lamane, emazambane kuhektha yinye kwatsi emaphizi nemabhontjisi abelana ngehektha yekugcina.

Suduka ufundze lokunyenti ku-COVID-19, kakhulu kutsi lokubaluleke kakhulu ngiletandla takhe nekusebenta kwakhe ngekutikhandla. •

Grow your own food and save money

Silusapho Nyanda

gardener in Kwa-Zulu-Natal has proven to be a smart businessman, selling his home-grown produce to put money in is his pocket. This is thanks to the One Home, One Garden and Fruit Tree programme aimed for Kwa-Zulu-Natal residents.

Muziwakhe Nsele (42) is a popular man in Hlathini, a village near Melmoth where he lives and sells vegetables such as beans, cabbage and potatoes.

Nsele's business grew in leaps and bounds following the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), with people buying from him rather than travelling to the shops.

With his profit, Nsele has bought six goats and plans to expand his agriculture business. "I will also be investing in layers and broiler chickens to expand my income streams through the sale of eggs and whole chickens," Nsele says.

The father of six says his business received a boost from the One Home, One Garden and Fruit Tree programme run by the province's Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD).

The programme encourages people to start gardening at their homes as a means of fighting poverty and Nsele received seeds, fertiliser and advice from DARD



DARD MEC Bongiwe Sithole-Moloi says the One Home, One Garden and Fruit Tree programme assists families that are suffering because of COVID-19. She says: "The programme

remains a crucial seed for a sustainable rural economy and with specific interventions and support from DARD, it can reduce and eliminate poverty through subsistence farming." •

To be part of the programme, visit the office of DARD at your local municipality. The contact details of the DARD offices can be found on the department's website www.kzndard.gov.za. Alternatively, call the department at 033 355 9100.

Tips on how to start a garden:

- Make sure you know which plants your soil will support.
- Ready your garden by first ploughing the land more than once without planting.
- · Add fertiliser.
- Remove all weeds.

TAKAMUVA NGE-COVID-19

Kwakha likusasa lelincono

muntfu lotitfobile lobekangasilutfo lobuya esigodzini sakwaNongoma, KwaZulu-Natal, Silondiwe Magwaza loneminyaka le-23 wancoba tihibe letinengi kute aphumelelise liphupho lakhe lekuba ngumphatsi wetekwakha.

Kukhula abona sakhiwonchanti lesingasisihle kwakhutsata Magwaza kutsi abuke tindlela letinsha tekuphakamisa ummango wakhe. Nyalo nguye wekucala lomsikati emndenini wakhe kutfola ticu.

Magwaza watfola ticu takhe Eyunivesithi YaseWitwatersrand ngemnyaka we-2019, watfola ticu tekucala tetifundvo tetekwakha.

"IkwaNongoma inesakhiwonchanti lesizingeni leliphansi futsi kuphakelwa kwaso kubonakala kuhamba ngesivinini lesincane kakhulu. Kubuka tonkhe tinsayeya letibukene nelidolobhatsi, kwangigcugcutela kutsi ngente lokutsite lokumayelana netekwakha kute ngibe ngilomunye webantfu labatawugucula lesimo lesikhona nyalo," usho njalo.

Kutfola ticu takhe bekungasiyo intfo lemalula. Magwaza utsi bekulikhuni kubeka wonkhe umcondvo wakhe etifundvweni ngenca yekuhlala akhatsatekile ngemali. Ngaleso sikhatsi, i-Ejensi Yekusekela Sakhiwonchanti Samasipala (MISA) yangenelela yamsita.

"Bengivame kukhatsateka kakhulu mayelana nemali njengoba ngiphuma emndenini lobewuncishwe ematfuba. Kwate kwaba ngumnyaka we-2018, lapho ngatfola khona umfundzate lokhishwa yi-MISA. Loku kwangisita kuphotfula ticu tami ngaphandle kwekukhatsateka. Tonkhe tifundvo tami takhokhelwa, konkhe bekufuneka ngikwente kugcila etifundvweni tami," usho njalo.

Magwaza ungulomunye webafundzi londlule kutinhlelo



Ngekuba wekucala emndenini wakhe kutfola ticu, Silondiwe Magwaza ubonga i-MISA.

teMISA tekutfutfukisa lusha njalo ngemnyaka. Letinhlelo tinika imali nekwesekelwa futsi tincedza titjudeni kutsi titfole kubekwa emsebentini uma setitfole ticu.

"Bengiwulangatelele kakhulu umcimbi wetfu wekwetfweswa ticu. Bewutawuba yintfo lenkhulu uma ubuka kutsi bengitawuba wekucala kuba neticu emndenini. Ngisanelitsemba lekutsi sitawuba nalomcimbi, kodvwa loku kungahle kungenteki ngenca yalobhubhane weligciwane le-corona," usho njalo.

Imboni yetekwakha igcwele kakhulu emadvodza.

"Letinye tikhatsi, bomake bentiwa kutsi bative babancane ngenca yekutsi likhono labo lekuletsa luntjintjo luyangatjatwa. Letinye tikhatsi livi labo alilalelwa.

"Nanyalo ngisakhetsa kuba ngumphatsi wetekwakha ngoba nginelitsemba lekutsi nginemandla ekugucula lemboni futsi ngiyitfutfukise lapho kunesidzingo khona. Ngibone bomake kulemboni bakhuphukela etikhundleni letisetulu futsi baba nemandla ekugucula tintfo. Ngiyatsemba kutsi nami ngitawuphumelela," usho njalo. 0

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Don't share fake news!

A data dashboard is an in-

formation management tool

or website that tracks, analy-

ses and displays information

to monitor the performance

of a business or department.

According to Dlamini, so-

cial media platforms become

a great danger when used to

"Whether it's with the inten-

tion to harm or not, it creates

social conflict, distracts peo-

ple from the real issues and

undermines government's,

public authorities' and other

organisations' efforts to curb

the spread of COVID-19 and

She says there are numer-

ous ways to identify fake

news, including reading

the whole story and not just

maintain social order."

share false information.

the dashboard.

Allison Cooper

elisiwe Dlamini (30), a researcher at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), says it's important to verify stories from social media, especially those about

the coronavirus (COV-ID-19), before sharing them.

"Some young people are becoming ringleaders of the spread of false information. This has the potential to create panic," she says.

Since the outbreak of COV-ID-19, the CSIR has created a dashboard to assist government and health institutions

to track the spread of misinformation, in order to avoid unnecessary public panic. The dashboard categorises information as misinformation (misleading content),

disinformation (information that is untrue and mal-information (hate speech).

Dlamini is part of the team that does research and also helps categorise information in

the heading, being critical of everything you read and examining the source of the

> "Reporting fake news is necessary, as it will help to

story.

take down fake news stories from multiple platforms," says Dlamini.

A journey to research

Dlamini joined the CSIR in 2014, when she was awarded a studentship to pursue her MSc Computer Science degree. "It was a foot in the door for me and has since afforded me great opportunities," she says.

She was also awarded a grant from the Young Researcher's Establishment Fund, which she sites as a wonderful opportunity in her career.

Born in Pinetown, Kwa-Zulu-Natal, Dlamini says women hoping to follow in her footsteps need to be interested in and have a passion for research.

To become a researcher, learners need to take maths and science in high school. "After school I studied computer science and information systems and technology, which laid a strong foundation for me," says Dlamini, who also holds a BcomHon Information Systems and Technology degree.

She didn't always know she wanted to be a researcher. "When I joined the CSIR, I was so amazed by the multi-disciplinary research that is done to make a difference in our country," she says.

This Women's Day, Dlamini says if there was ever a time for women to be bold and do everything they have ever wished to do, it is now. "We need to support each other and unite and always remember to celebrate each other. This alone will propel us."

You can report fake news by emailing fakenewsalert@dtps.gov.za, sending a WhatsApp to 067 966 4015 or on the website www.real411. org.

Passionate researcher at the CSIR, Nelisiwe Dlamini, warns South Africans, especially the youth, not to share fake news because it creates panic especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.