

## **MEDIA** STATEMENT

## WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2023

## **UPDATE ON CHOLERA CASES IN HAMMANSKRAAL AS AT 23 MAY 2023**

The Gauteng Department of Health wishes to give an update on the latest Cholera cases in the Hammanskraal area as of 18H00 on 23 May 2023.

The number of patients that have been seen at the Jubilee District Hospital is sitting at 165 and this number includes 18 patients who have been transferred to other health facilities in Tshwane.

The number of laboratory-confirmed cases of Cholera is standing at 29. To date, 17 people have passed on from the disease outbreak. Currently 67 patients are admitted due to gastrointestinal infection.

The Department continues to urge people to ensure proper hand-hygiene which includes thorough washing of hands with water and soap or alcohol-based sanitiser before handling food and after using the toilet.

We advise the public to report to their nearest health facilities when they present with diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps and dehydration symptoms, so they can receive medical treatment.

We further reiterate the call for the public to avoid consuming known or suspected contaminated food and water.

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