

Metsimaholo Local Municipality still under administration

Metsimaholo Local Municipality continues to be under administration. The announcement to place the municipality under administration in terms of section 139(1)(b) of the constitution was taken by the MEC of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Thembeni Nxangisa. This follows the council's

failure to sit for council meetings, disagreement and failure to appoint senior managers (Directors) of the municipality. The resolution to place the municipality under administration was taken by the Free State Executive Council. This has led to further disruptions in that municipality impacting negatively on service delivery.

The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Local Municipality Cllr Lindiwe Tshongwe said she would like to sincerely apologise to the entire community of Metsimaholo municipality for disruptions in services that were not rendered as expected. "However we want to assure our community that we have started with the delivery of services

and visible changes in regard to that will be seen soon, we also welcome the administrative team led by the Administrator Mr Teboho Manele, Acting Municipal Manager Mr Motsumi Mathe, Acting Director Corporate Services Mr Bennet Molutsi and Financial Advisor Ms Palesa Qulunga" added Mayor Tshongwe.

Elders encouraged to wash hands and wear masks

The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo local Municipality Cllr Lindiwe Tshongwe accompanied by Speaker Cllr Thabo Mabasa and Council Whip Cllr Lennox Mashia gave close to 200 face masks and soaps to elders at Zamdela Post Office and Sasolburg Post Office this morning. Cllr Tshongwe has urged the elders to always wear their face masks and wash their hands regularly with soap or hand sanitizer. She has also urged to exercise social distancing at all times. The CORONAVIRUS kills and together we can contain it.



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Electoral Court postpones further by-elections due to COVID-19



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The Electoral Commission welcomes the decision by the Electoral Court to postpone by-elections scheduled for June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Electoral Court today granted the application of the Electoral Commission to postpone the by-elections scheduled for 3 and 10 June along with associated activities including voter registration.

The court ruled that the by-elections could be held beyond the 90 day legislated period for the filling of councilor vacancies but not beyond 120 days from the date of the order. The timetable for the by-elections will be revised accordingly. The Electoral Court also granted permission to the Electoral Commission to approach the Court again for further or alternative relief (including a further postponement) should this be necessary.

The full list of postponed by-elections is as follows:

By-election date	Province	Municipality	Ward Number
3 June 2020	North West	Rustenburg Local Municipality	2
3 June 2020	Eastern Cape	Umzimvubu Local Municipality	25
10 June 2020	Eastern Cape	Amahlathi Local Municipality	13
10 June 2020	Eastern Cape	Walter Sisulu Local Municipality	6
10 June 2020	Eastern Cape	Walter Sisulu Local Municipality	11
10 June 2020	KwaZulu-Natal	Ray Nkomyeni Local Municipality	2
10 June 2020	KwaZulu-Natal	uPhongolo Local Municipality	4
10 June 2020	North West	JB Marks Local Municipality	5
10 June 2020	Western Cape	Drakenstein Local Municipality	3
10 June 2020	Gauteng	Emfuleni Local Municipality	43

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