DCS Media Update
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Mass screening and testing has been pivotal for the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) as it enables the gauging of the actual spread of COVID-19 which leads to immediate containment and treatment of those testing positive.

The patterns are now changing as the Western Cape and Gauteng are registering new cases lately.

The new positive cases for COVID-19 increased by nine (9), and they relate to five (5) remand detainees at Kgosi Mampuru II and four (4) officials from the Western Cape.

One of the officials who tested positive in the Western Cape passed on last night and an investigation by the Department of Health is underway to determine the cause of death.

Correctional Services is now standing at 138 positive case(s), wherein three officials have recovered.

The total breakdown is as follows:-

Eastern Cape - 91
Officials - 35
Inmates - 56
One recovery

Western Cape – 36
Officials - 35
Inmates – 1

Limpopo - 2
Officials - 2
Inmates - 0
One recovery

Gauteng - 8
Officials - 1
Inmates - 7

Head Office
Officials – 1
One recovery

The breakdown of new cases is as follows,
Kgosi Mampuru II – 5 Remand Detainees

Goodwood – 2, Voorberg – 1 & Worcester – 1.

DCS appreciates the good working relationship with the Department of Health as more teams are on the ground, working hard to contain any further spread of the virus whilst giving the best care possible to those testing positive.

Mass screening and testing remains in force across all centres in order to identify hotspots and avert an unmanageable spread.

Ends.

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