

MEDIA STATEMENT

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With regards to mortality rate, the death toll stands at 31, and Gauteng accounts for 29 deaths, Free State and Mpumalanga account for one death each. The Department of Social Development continues with psychosocial support and social relief packages to the families of the deceased.

Members of the public are urged to remain vigilant and avoid known or suspected contaminated food, water and surfaces, and wash hands thoroughly with soap before handling and preparing food or after using the bathroom to prevent possible infection. Never drink water from unsafe sources such as rivers, dams, streams, unless boiled or disinfected first.

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