

### Media release

**22 November 2021**

### City of Tshwane records a sharp increase in COVID-19 infections with active cases reaching the 1 600 mark

The City of Tshwane has recorded a sharp increase in the number of active COVID-19 cases. Our most recent COVID-19 report indicates that active cases have increased to **1 689** as of Monday, 22 November 2021. Last week Monday, the number of active cases stood at **362**.

New confirmed daily cases have also increased exponentially from below 50 to above 300. The number of new cases for last week is as follows:

- Thursday, 18 November 2021: **237** new cases
- Friday, 19 November 2021: **243** new cases
- Saturday, 20 November 2021: **318** new cases
- Sunday, 21 November 2021: **382** new cases
- Monday, 22 November 2021: **383** new cases

As indicated in the figures above, there is a noticeable spike in both the number of new infections and the number of active cases. This is concerning and requires increased vigilance from all our residents.

Currently, there is a confirmed cluster outbreak at the Tshwane University of Technology, Pretoria West campus. Other areas of concern with increased infections include Hatfield, Atteridgeville, Mamelodi East, Centurion and Soshanguve.

Another concern is that, traditionally over the festive season, Tshwane residents welcome visitors from other areas and provinces. This can obviously increase the possibility of infections.

We therefore appeal to residents to continue adhering to the well-known COVID-19 safety protocols. While it might be too early to talk about the fourth wave being in our midst, now is not the time to let our guard down.

The City of Tshwane Health Department and other stakeholders are working closely with their provincial counterparts to ensure that all measures are in place to address these re-emerging COVID-19 spikes and to provide support to our people.

On request, this document can be provided in another official language.

Currently, priority is given to the following:

- Reactivation of the weekend outreach programmes to provide opportunities to residents who are not available during the week.
- Intensification of ward-based battle plans to take education, screening, testing and vaccination services to people in high-risk areas.
- Provision of further momentum to the vaccination campaign to get more people vaccinated, thereby improving immunity within communities.

In the coming fortnight, the outreach teams will be at the following venues. Residents and visitors are encouraged to engage them on all issues related to COVID-19:

- 22 and 23 November 2021: Freedom Supermarket, 9 Eastside Plaza, cnr Baviaanspoort Road and Malgas Street, East Lynne
- 24 and 25 November 2021: Mayville Mall, cnr Van Rensburg Street and Nienaber Avenue, Mayville
- 26 November 2021: Uitkyk Silverton, cnr President and De Boulevard Street, Silverton
- 29 and 30 November 2021: Madeira Shopping Centre, cnr Pylgras and Cress Street, Danville
- 1 and 2 December 2021: Laudium Plaza, cnr Tangerine Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, opposite Laudium Clinic, Laudium
- 3 December 2021: Food Lovers Montana, 555 Breed Street, Montana

We will continue to monitor and track the progress of the virus and advise our residents accordingly.

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