

COVID-19

Don't become complacent



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At Platinum Health (PH), the wellbeing of our patients, employees and medical staff is of utmost importance. It is for this reason that PH has spent R10.8 million implementing preventative measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 at its medical facilities.

Since the start of the lockdown on 27 March, an alarming 155 957 members have visited our healthcare facilities. The risk of being infected while visiting healthcare facilities cannot be overemphasized and therefore; we urge members not to visit facilities unnecessarily.

As preventative measures all members visiting medical facilities have been screened and to date 4283 members have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

To date, 289 beneficiaries with COVID-19 have been admitted to hospital, of which 36 were treated in ICU and 42 in High Care, at a cost of R17.3million.

Regrettably, 31 beneficiaries have died as a result COVID-19 and we direct our sincerest condolences to the families and friends who have lost loved ones.

The COVID-19 infection rate for South Africa is 0.99%. whilst the Platinum Health infection rate is 4.74%. This means 4.79 more beneficiaries have become infected than in the rest of the country. Although we have seen a decline in the number of beneficiaries becoming infected in the past 3 weeks, we are very concerned and urge members not to become complacent.

The lock down restrictions have been eased to level 2. If we do not continue to take the necessary precautions, we will see a "second wave" of infections as many countries across the world have experienced.

Keep on taking personal responsibility and protect yourself by:

- *wearing a mask when out in public or at work;*
- *wash or sanitise hands often; and*
- *keep a social distance of at least 1.5 - 2 metres.*

