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NDLAMBE MUNICIPALITY COVID-19 JOINT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Cases: It is encouraging to see that daily infection rates are declining, whilst recovery rates continue to rise. The importance of regularly washing hands with soap and water or sanitiser, the wearing of masks and maintaining of social distancing is vitally important if we are to continue with this favourable trend.

As at 25nd August, the breakdown for Ndlambe was:

Town	Total	Active Cases	Recoveries	Deaths
Port Alfred	630	6	612	12
Alexandria	82	6	72	4
Bathurst	74	0	72	2
Kenton on Sea	91	0	89	2
Boesmansrivier	40	1	39	0
Total	917	13	884	20

Health: Clinics report that 41 178 screenings have taken place. 2 041 tests have been carried out, with 505 positive results at Port Alfred Hospital. Private Practitioners confirm that lab results are available within 24 hours and the Marjorie Parish TB Hospital reported that work on the 32 bed refurbishment ward is underway.

Water Supply: Dam levels in Port Alfred and Bathurst are at critical levels and residents are reminded that stringent water restrictions are in place.

Communication: Regular updated media statements are sent out via social media, local press and posted on Ndlambe Municipality's website. Educational and informative radio broadcasts continue through Ndlambe FM in both English and Xhosa, and a campaign of loud hailing to inform communities continues.

Economic Recovery: The move to Level 2 restrictions has prompted an increase in domestic tourism, and thus an expectancy of visitor influx on the Sunshine Coast as the weather warms up. Many December bookings have already been confirmed.

On-line tourism marketing continues with an alignment of marketing strategies throughout the Eastern Cape. Ndlambe Municipality continues to work with the Business Forum to assist with the fast tracking of projects.

Ubuntu: Both the Bathurst Development Trust and Ndlambe Lockdown Group have benefited from the Ndlambe Relief Fund. Donations are to be used for sustainable vegetable garden projects. Grateful thanks to the community for your generous support. We continue to appeal for donations through these trying economic times. The fund is managed by Sunshine Coast Tourism. Any queries may be directed to Sandy Birch and Dr. Wouter Hensens. The banking details for Sunshine Coast Tourism is: First National Bank (FNB). Port Alfred Branch and account number 62310501350. Reference: Covid19.

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