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**TO: ALL PRIVATE HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS (HOSPITALS, CLINICS,  
PHARMACIES AND GENERAL PRACTITIONERS)**

**FROM: DR S MOHANGI  
HEAD: HEALTH**

**DATE: 03 MARCH 2020**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
PRIVATE HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS (HOSPITALS, CLINICS,  
PHARMACIES AND GENERAL PRACTITIONERS) ON SUSPECTED CASES  
OF CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)**

1. The purpose of this circular is to request Private health service Providers (Hospitals, Clinics, Pharmacies and General Practitioners) to inform Department of Health immediately if there is a suspected case of Coronavirus-2019
2. The communication will assist the Department of Health to inform Outbreak Response Teams to investigate, monitor the suspected case and conduct contact tracing in the community
3. The hospitals/clinics/General Practitioners are requested to discuss any suspected case of COVID-19 with a Clinician from National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) Hotline @ 082 883 9920 for advice before any specimen is collected. The Clinicians are available on 24/7
4. The hospital/clinic/General Practitioner should also complete all the necessary related documents i.e. contact list and self-monitoring tool of the suspected case
5. The COVID-19 is a Notifiable Medical Condition (NMC) under category 1, therefore it should be notified immediately and documentation to be forwarded to the relevant office. All reports and information should be forwarded to Ms HD Mpangane

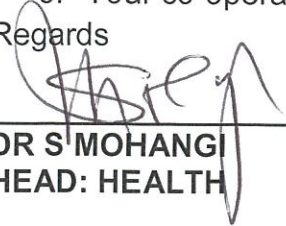
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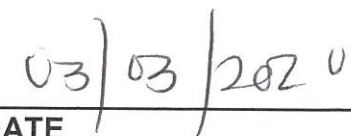
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6. Your co-operation will be appreciated

Regards

  
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