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BASIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PLEASSED WITH DAY ONE OF MATRIC EXAMINATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2020

The Department of Basic Education is pleased to announce that the first day of the National Senior Certificate examinations has gone well without any major incidents throughout the country.

The Class of 2020 sat for English Home Language, First Additional Language and Second Additional Language Paper 1 examination today. The examinations were scheduled for 09H00 and 14H00.

The Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Angie Motshekga accompanied by Gauteng Education Department MEC, Panyaza Lesufi visited Sekano-Ntoane Senior Secondary in Soweto today and they were both satisfied with the level of preparedness shown by the school authorities and the enthusiasm of the candidates.

“Our monitoring gives us confidence that with the successes of Day 1 around the country we are set for a great examination period”, said Minister Motshekga.

Five provinces, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Eastern Cape, Gauteng and Limpopo experienced COVID-19 cases and these were handled well within the health and hygiene protocols as stipulated by the Department of Health. In Kwa-Zulu Natal, three learners reported their diagnosis to the school authorities and used a separate gate to enter the school premises. They were accommodated in a separate isolation room and provided with an invigilator who observed the health and hygiene protocols at all times. “We are encouraged by the level of maturity and responsibility shown by our candidates in KwaZulu-Natal”, concluded the Minister.

The health and hygiene protocols are:

- The invigilator sits 5 meters from the learners in a well ventilated room.
- Upon completion of the examination, the invigilator uses latex gloves to put the answer sheet in a sealable plastic bag.
- The plastic bag is then sanitized and put in a jacket with the rest of the batch

The Department appeals to parents and communities to continue supporting the Class of 2020 throughout the examination period.

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