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Corona Crisis:

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Mayor: Mxolisi Kaunda
City: Ethekewini Municipality (South Africa)

Following the guidelines and policies of the government of the Republic of South Africa, the Municipality has organized different committees and organizations to follow and respond to COVID-19:

1) The Municipality has organized the Joint Operations Committee (JOC) to implement initiatives related to health and safety. As well, it has created the COVID-19 War Room, body in charge of taking decisions and giving directions regarding to COVID related matters that affect employees, citizens and the operations of the city.

2) Moreover, they have designed the Multi-Disciplinary Task Team (MDTT), in charge of providing technical expertise for the organization of workplace structures and the prevention of the spread, manage risk, communication, and recommendations to the War Room.

The municipality has reprioritized its budget, in order to tackle the pandemic. They keep preparing ongoing awareness sessions on the Prevention and Control of COVID-19. Furthermore, they have banned all international business travels, cancelled and postponed mass gatherings and events with more of 100 people, as well as encouraging to avoid work meetings, or keep them as teleconferences.

Ultimately, Mayor Kaunda decided to keep all units (JOC-MDTT-War Room) connected with each other, developing similar internal protocols and communication strategies in order to ensure an effective service delivery. The eThekwini Municipality is committed to supporting the National Department of Health in combating COVI-19.

For more information regarding Mayor Kaunda's policies, click here:

http://www.durban.gov.za/Resource_Centre/new2/Pages/City-takes-drastic-measures-to-curb-spread-of-coronavirus.aspx