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HOTSPOT AREAS DURING COVID-19

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During the outbreak of Covid-19 South Africa has had four provinces which are mostly affected by corona virus, they are Western Cape, Gauteng, Eastern Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal.

A number of areas have been identified as spots that have a great number of individuals infected with corona virus. A hotspot is defined as an area that has more than 5 infected people per every 100,000 people or where new infections are increasing at a fast pace.

Out of the eight metropolitan municipalities in South Africa seven were identified as coronavirus hotspots they are city of Tshwane, city of Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni metropolitan municipality, city of eThekweni, Nelson Mandela Bay metropolitan municipality, Buffalo City and city of Cape Town.

In his speech of announcing level 3, President Ramaphosa said “We are particularly concerned about the situation in the city of Cape Town and in the Western Cape generally, which now has more than half the total infections in the country. We are attending to this as a matter of urgency.”

Full-time team of experienced employees will be located to every hotspot area. The teams will have to consist of a number of health workers which will also be helped by Cuban experts.

Different ways of dealing with the hotspot areas that have high levels of infection and transmission will be invented to help stop the growth of the virus.

Other areas that were recognized as hotspots are Chris Hani district in the Eastern Cape, and iLembe district in KwaZulu-Natal, West Coast, Overberg and Cape Winelands district municipalities in the Western Cape.