

Transport MEC and Executive Mayor lead programme to disinfect taxi rank in Tzaneen



Transport and Community Safety MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya and Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi led a programme of disinfecting the taxi rank in the Tzaneen Crossing Mall on Tuesday, 19 January.

They handed over sanitizers and disinfectant sprayers to the taxi associations. "As the department we are responding to the challenges that we face. We have seen more people going back to work using public transport and we also responding to the calls of the district command councils in the province. All the district command councils have indicated that they have identified taxi ranks as spreaders of covid-19," the MEC said.



She also said the department will continue to support the taxi industry and regard taxi drivers as frontline workers. "taxi drivers must know we regard them as front liners. They are at a risk at risk each day when they transport people. They are at risk when they exchange customers

"So, we are also here to remind them to wear their masks and clean their taxis. They must also tell their passengers not to eat in the taxis, but to wear their masks until they reach their destination."



Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi who is also the chairperson of the district command council said supporting the taxi industry is key in minimizing the spread of covid-19. "This is part of our ongoing intervention in the battle against the pandemic. We handed over sprayers and sanitizer so that we able to impact positively in keeping the entire taxi rank clean, but also ensuring that our people are safe."

Speaking on behalf of Santaco, Schneider Mhlongo who is the district training officer said the association has the support of government at all levels. "We want to appreciate the support we receive from the municipalities and government departments since the start of this pandemic. They have been standing side by side with us.



"There were times when people were saying this is Limpopo covid-19 will not survive here. So, it's important to have our leaders reminding us that covid-19 is here. But we are also seeing it ourselves having lost people closest to us," he said.

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