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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Health Minister Phaahla tests positive for COVID-19

**Pretoria:** Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla has today (Tuesday, 19 July 2022) tested positive for COVID-19 after experiencing minor symptoms.

Minister Phaahla took tests earlier today and the results came back positive, and he immediately self-isolated. He will perform his official duties from home for a period of 7 days, and all his planned contact meetings have been rescheduled, while others converted into virtual.

This is a reminder that the pandemic still remains amongst us and infectious, hence the Department continues to report COVID-19 daily positive cases and deaths. Minister Phaahla has received two doses of J&J COVID-19 vaccine which he believes it has boosted his immunity against the severity of the virus.

The Department would like to remind the public that lifting the COVID-19 restrictions doesn't mean the pandemic is over, hence vaccination serves remain accessible at all times at selected sites.

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