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MPUMALANGA SUSPENDS INGOMA SEASON TO MITIGATE COVID19 INFECTIONS.

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga has suspended the initiation school season (ingoma) until further notice. This is in line with the Disaster Management regulations outlined by the National Department of Cooperative Governance, as one of the preventative measures against the spread of the corona virus.

MEC for COGTA in Mpumalanga, Mr Mandla Msibi urged the institution of traditional leadership to adhere to the regulation as the country implementing extraordinary measures to curb more infections. "Regulation.....directs the institution of traditional leadership to suspend all cultural activities to curb human contact. Ingoma is in this category and any deviation may further exacerbate the infections. Therefore we urge traditional leaders and parents to adhere to these preventative measures. We urge Amakhosi/Makgoshi to further advocate for adherence by all people within their jurisdiction. This will curb further infections and any any violation will be liable for penalties," Mr Msibi said.

Mr Msibi expressed satisfaction about the decision to suspend all cultural ceremonies, as announced by the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders. "Cultural functions are a fertile ground for the spread of the virus through social contact. They are attended by communities in their hundreds. We commend the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders, under the leadership of the Chairperson, Inkhosi Sandile Ngomane for the decision to suspend the ceremonies. It is a major step towards the mitigation of potential infections", he said.

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