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MPUMALANGA SUSPEND ALL INITIATION PRACTICES AND POST INITIATION CELEBRATION

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga has suspended the initiation school season (ingoma) until further notice. Ingoma is a practice that is usually practice in winter season. Ingoma culture is a practice that we all revere and it has been and will continue to be a cornerstone of our indigenous knowledge.

This suspension is in accordance with the Disaster Management regulations outlined by the National Department of Co-operative Governance, as one of the preventative measures against the spread of the Corona virus, as well as the President's call to suspend all gatherings during Alert level 4.

MEC, Busi Shiba has urged traditional leaders to follow the rules as the country takes extraordinary steps to reduce infection rates. "Regulation.....directs the traditional leadership institution to suspend all cultural activities in order to reduce human contact." This category includes Ingoma, and any deviation may aggravate the infections.

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