

Media Statement

HPCSA condemns the current unrest and destruction of properties

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Pretoria - The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) condemns the current unrest and destruction of properties that is happening in a few Provinces. A number of health Practitioners' practices have been vandalized and destroyed as the country experiences a surge of third wave of the Corona virus, and this could potentially lead to an increase in infections.

The destruction of properties that is currently taking place has since led to the unavailability of a number of healthcare services and this poses a risk to the public as health Practitioners' facilities are forced to shut down. The continuation of such instability is already disrupting the roll-out of the vaccine programme which is aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19 virus, and this will ultimately cripple the entire healthcare system.

The HPCSA will endeavor by care and diligence to guide the health profession in a concerted effort to protect the public.

"Access to healthcare services is a basic human right. We appeal to members of the public to refrain from destroying properties and healthcare infrastructure as this deprives the public of access to healthcare services. We encourage the public to continue adhering to the stipulated Health and Safety COVID-19 regulations," said Prof. Simon Nmutandani, President of the HPCSA.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974 and is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The Council is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registerable with Council.

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