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SA ROLLS OUT MOBILE COVID-19 TESTING UNITS

- In light of the increasing incidence of COVID-19 local transmissions, it has become necessary to scale up the country's capacity to test citizens.
- For this reason, Health Minister Zweli Mkhize, officially launched 67 mobile sampling and testing units to be deployed nationwide to all districts and metropolitan municipalities.
- Mkhize unveiled the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) Mobile Laboratory and inspected the inside of the sampling and testing mobile units at the NHLS head office in Johannesburg on Wednesday evening.
- The Minister was shown the Portable class III glove kit - a field deployable unit, where samples can be prepared.
- Accompanied by Gauteng Health MEC Bandile Masuku and CEO of NHLS Dr Kamy Chetty, Mkhize said the vehicles must go to all the areas that have been identified as hotspots and those who are symptomatic must be tested first.
- The department was procuring rapid test kits to allow for faster results.
- Around 10 000 field workers will be visiting homes in villages, towns and cities to screen residents for COVID-19 symptoms.
- The Minister said the message by President Cyril Ramaphosa for people to stay at home was still very important, as was the message of washing hands and ensuring good hygiene.
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