

**Foot and Mouth Disease - State of readiness for the rollout of Vaccine in Umgungundlovu District:  
Duma to engage with key stakeholders including the KZN Foot and Mouth Disease Disaster  
Management Committee**

Media Invite and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: In line with a decision of the provincial executive council assigning MECs, in their capacities as Champions of Operation Sukuma Sakhe, to strengthen efforts aimed at curbing the spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, we will engage with key stakeholders, affected farmers and industry experts in the UMGungundlovu.

The engagement will take place as follows:

Date: 24 February 2026

Time: 10h00

Venue: Cedara Agriculture College, Pietermaritzburg

Critically, we will engage for the first time, with the newly established KZN Foot and Mouth Disease Disaster Management Committee located in the district.

We value the work of this committee in terms of augmenting all efforts, led by government and the department of agriculture and rural development in particular, and aimed at turning around the situation.

We support the committee as they work with private sector.

After an engagement we will visit a farm affected by the foot and mouth disease.

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