



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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Media Statement

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MMC Makhafola extends message of hope on eve of World Aids Day

The Member of the Mayoral Committee for Health and Social Development in the City of Johannesburg, Councillor Ennie Makhafola, extends a message of hope to those living with HIV and Aids on the eve of World Aids Day, which is commemorated globally on 1 December.

“Let us all pause and reflect on how to fight the stigma associated with HIV and Aids and how we educate the communities in which we live in on how to prevent the spread but more importantly give hope to those who are living with HIV and Aids,” says MMC Makhafola.

This year, MMC Makhafola will host a World Aids Day event at Rabie Ridge Stadium on Friday, 1 December, from 06h30 till 12h00.

The event will cover but not limited to the following activities:

1. Health talks and awareness on HIV and Aids
2. Chronic disease decongestion
3. Registration of people to ESP
4. Substance abuse awareness
5. Fun walk

Prevention of HIV/Aids

MMC Makhafola encourages the residents to continue to take precautions to reduce the spread and infection of HIV. The use of male and female condoms remains the most effective method to reduce this spread and infection of HIV. They are freely available at all clinics/health facilities across the City.

For people living with HIV and Aids

The City has made ARVs available for people with HIV and can also be collected at health facilities across the City. MMC Makhafola urges people who are on treatment to be diligent with the administration of the medication for it to be effective and improve their health.

The City encourages everyone to participate in some form or shape on Friday, 1 December, World Aid Day, even if it's just wearing a red ribbon to signify solidarity with people living with HIV and Aids.

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