

Press Statement  
Head Administrator, Mr Mpho Nawa

# Caledonian Stadium shut down as homeless people relocate to Centurion Sports Park

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The City of Tshwane has successfully shut down Caledonian Stadium, with all operations and services ceasing immediately.

Approximately 300 people who were temporarily residing at the facility have subsequently been relocated Centurion Sports Park.

A multi-layered response was necessary to ensure that the City improves the living conditions of homeless residents by responding adequately to their plight and adhering to COVID-19 regulations.

The City continues to provide water tankers, mobile toilets, mattresses, blankets, sanitizers and three meals daily.

Social workers from the City's Community and Social Development Services (CSDS) are on site to provide additional support to officials and partner NGO, they will also assist with conducting screening processes to determine any medical interventions required.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has added an unfamiliar element to how we respond to some of our most pressing challenges. The generosity of NGOs and spirit of working together is encouraging and noteworthy," said Lead Administrator, Mr Mpho Nawa.

The Lead Administrator takes this opportunity to extend his gratitude to NGOs who have offered their assistance for the benefit of our vulnerable communities namely Tshwane Homelessness Forum, COSUP, University of Pretoria, Doctors Without Borders, UNHCR and Laudium Disaster Management Services. The Tshwane Food Bank has responded swiftly to the urgent need for food supplies.

Officials from the Gauteng Department of Social Development and Ministry of Social Development have added value to the City's agility on the ground across various sites.

Going forward, the City looks forward to availing an additional 16 sites across the city for the purpose of offering accommodation facilities for vulnerable communities.

More sustainable measures will be announced as part of the City's effort to restore the dignity of homeless people through programmes championed by the City CSDS Department.

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