Media Statement

To: Editors and Health Journalists

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Free State Records the Second Death of Cholera

The Free State Department of Health can confirm that a Second person has died of Cholera. The patient stayed at Parys in the Free State.

This is a 42 year old female who got admitted at Boitumelo Hospital in Kroonstad and unfortunately died. The patient is confirmed to have died and thereafter laboratory tests confirmed that the death is attributable to Cholera.

The Free State MEC for Health, Ms. Mathabo Leeto has sent her condolences to the family and officials of the Department visited the family today to break the news.

The Department would like to take this opportunity to urge the public to believe information about causes of death that are confirmed by laboratory tests and not opinions that are not scientifically supported by facts.

The Department of Health continues to make a clarion call for all people to continue washing their hands and boiling water before they can consume it. If anyone experiences any slight symptoms of Diarrhoea they must please go to our health facilities to get help as a matter of urgency.

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