# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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**The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) To which location in the Republic was each of the Cuban medical personnel deployed who arrived in the Republic around 27 April 2020 to assist in the fight against Covid-19 and (b) how have the specified medical personnel contributed to the Republic’s fight against Covid-19 in each of the locations?

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**REPLY:**

Provinces provided the following update on the Cuban Medical Brigade brigade :

1. **Allocation per Province:**

**Eastern Cape**

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|  | **Family Physicians** | **Biomedical Engineers** | **Epidemiologists** | **Biostatisticians** |
| BCM | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| NMBD | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chris Hani | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| OR Tambo | 1 | 1 | - | - |

**Free State**

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|  | **Family Physicians** | **Biomedical Engineers** | **Epidemiologists** | **Biostatisticians** |
| Botshabelo | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| Mangaung | 3 | - | - | 1 |
| Thabanchu | 1 | - | - | - |
| MUCPP | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1. Nzula | 4 | - | - | 1 |
| Pelonomi | - | 3 | - | - |

**Gauteng**

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| **District** | **Facility** | **Family Physicians** | **Clinical Engineer** |
| Johannesburg | Nasrec isolation Centre | 5 | - |
| Sedibeng | Sebokeng Hospital | - | 1 |
| West Rand | GPG facilities | 2 | - |
| Ekurhuleni | Essellen Park | 5 | - |
| Tshwane | Pretoria West Hospital | 3 | - |

**KwaZulu Natal**

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|  | **INSTITUTION** | **Family Physician** | **Health Technology** | **Information Management (Biostatistics)** | **Epidemiology Technologist** |
|
| Amajuba | Dannhauser CHC | 1 | - | - | - |
| EThekwini | St. Mary's Marianhill | 2 | - | - | - |
| Harry Gwala | Christ the King Hospital | 2 | - | - | - |
| ILembe | Ntunjambili Hospital | 2 | - | - | - |
| King Cetshwayo | St. Mary's KwaMagwaza | 2 | - | - | - |
| UGu | GJ Crookes Hospital | 1 | - | - | - |
| uMgungundlovu | Edendale Hospital | 1 | - | - | - |
| UMgungundlovu | Pietermaritzburg | 1 | - | - | - |
| Umkhanyakude | Hlabisa Hospital | 2 | - | - | - |
| UMzinyathi | Dundee hospital | 1 | - | - | - |
| Uthukela | Ladysmith hospital | 1 | - | - | - |
| Zululand | Itshelejuba Hospital | 2 | - | - | - |
| King Cetshwayo | Ngwelezana hospital | - | 2 | - | - |
| uMgungundlovu | Greys Hospital | - | 1 | - | - |
| Wentworth | eThekwini | - | 1 | - | - |
| ILembe | Stanger Hospital | - | - | 1 | - |
| Uthukela | Ladysmith hospital | - | - | 1 | - |
| Amajuba | Madadeni Hospital | - | - | - | 1 |
| ILembe | Stanger Hospital | - | - | - | 1 |
| Uthukela | Ladysmith hospital | - | - | - | 1 |

**Limpopo**

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| **DISTRICT** | **INSTITUTION** | **Medical Officers** | **Clinical Engineering**  **Technologist** | **Hygienist** | **Biostatisticians** |
| Capricorn | Rethabile CHC | 2 | - | - | - |
| Sekhukhune | Dilokong Hospital | 2 | - | - | - |
| Waterberg | FH Odendaal/MDR-TB | 2 | - | - | - |
| Mopani | Kgapane Hospital | 2 | - | - | - |
| Capricorn | Head Office | - | 3 | 1 | 1 |

**Mpumalanga**

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| **District** | **Institution** | **Family Physician** | **Clinical Engineering** | **Epidemiology** |
| Ehlanzeni | Rob Ferreira Hospital | - | 1 | - |
| GertSibande | Ermelo Hospital Clinical | - | 1 | - |
| Nkangala | Witbank Beatty Clinic | - | 1 | - |
| Ehlanzeni | Tonga District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| Ehlanzeni | Shongwe District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| Ehlanzeni | Tintswalo District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| Ehlanzeni | Lydenburg District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| Nkangala | Witbank/Impungwe District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| Provincial Office | Provincial Office - CDC |  | - | - |
| Nkangala | Kwa-Mhlanga District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| GertSibande | Piet Retief District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| GertSibande | Evander District Hospital | 1 | - | - |
| Provincial Office | Provincial Office - Integrated Health Planning Unit | - | - | - |

**Northern Cape**

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|  | **MEDICAL OFFICERS** | **DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADMI** | **ASS. DIR. ADMIN** |
| JT Gaetsewe | 2 | - | - |
| Namakwa | 1 | - | - |
| Frances Baard | 2 | - | - |
| PixleyKaSeme | 1 | - | - |
| ZF Mgcawu | 1 | - | - |
| Provincial Office | - | 2 | 2 |

**North West**

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| **DISTRICT** | **INSTITUTION** | **Family Physician** | **Health Technology** |
|
| Provincial Office | Mahikeng | - | - |
| NgakaModiriMolema District | Mahikeng (Lehurutshe/Zee rust Hosp) | 2 | - |
| Dr Ruth SegomotsiMompati District | Greater Taung Sub-district | 1 | - |
| Bojanala District | Rustenburg | 2 | 2 |
| Bojanala District | Madibeng | 3 | - |
| Dr Kenneth Kaunda District | Potchefstroom | 1 | - |
| Dr Kenneth Kaunda District | Matlosana | 1 | 1 |

**Western Cape**

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|  | **MEDICAL OFFICERS** | **Health Technologists** | **Epidemiologists** | **Biostatisticians** |
| CTICC | 18 | 4 | - | - |
| Directorate: Facilities Management | - | - | 3 | - |
| Directorate: Information | - | - | - | 3 |

1. The Cuban Medical Brigade’s contribution to the Republic’s fight against Covid-19 in each of the locations includes but not limited to -

* Their deployment made a significant impact because the institutions are able to address issues of workload pressure because of Covid-19 pandemic.
* The Cuban Medical Brigade have been resourceful in the Primary Health Care as this is their specialty.
* Data analysis and information management team were tremendously instrumental in assessing the impact of the intervention.
* The Epidemiologic predictions of the peak of the pandemic are critical to District readiness.
* Hygienists and Epidemiologists are playing a key role in the research of the trends the pandemic is following and are providing advice on the projections.
* The Biomedical Engineers have been critical in the design, installation, adjusting, repairing or provision of technical support for biomedical equipment.
* The Cuban Medical Brigade are also involved in contact tracing and testing programme of the COVID-19 response.
* Other Brigades are deployed to Isolation and Quarantine sites
* They are also assisting with the implementation of the District SOP in the management of confirmed and suspected contacts (PUIs) in the District
* They are part of ward-based programme and Health Facility decongestion program

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