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PRESS RELEASE

CLOSURE OF MLILWANE REST CAMP

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary closed Rest Camp until further notice, as of 08h00 Friday 20 March 2020.

A Tour Group from the Netherlands (not listed as a high-risk country) arrived in Eswatini through Lavumisa Border on Thursday 19th March, arriving at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary late afternoon. During the night a guest allegedly experienced slight fever and woke up with a cough on 20th March. This was reported to Management by the Tour Guide in the morning.

Management immediately called 977 for assistance as directed by public address. The guest was isolated in her room, the Tour Operator was notified and we have been working closely with the company on a solution. All staff who had not been in contact with the group was sent home immediately and all staff who worked with the guests have been placed in quarantine in the Rest Camp. They will continue to serve the group until they leave, with extreme measures being implemented around the unwell guest.

977 arrived after lunch, dispatched the guest in an ambulance to Mbabane Clinic where tests were taken. She is returning to Mlilwane Rest Camp to isolate and await her results. The attending Doctor stated that the symptoms were unlikely COVID-19. 977 has stated we can expect results by Wednesday 23rd March. The entire group with our staff will be in isolation in the Rest Camp pending these results.

Mlilwane has taken it upon herself to close the Rest Camp to any visitors for obvious reasons. We await direction from the authorities.

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary gate will remain open for self-guided walking, running and mountain biking, but we request visitors do not attempt to go near the Rest Camp or arrive in groups.

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