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Janitors return to settlements

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The City of Cape Town's janitorial services for full-flush toilets in informal settlements are being reinstated.

The service was affected due to the unavailability of a service provider to inoculate janitors.

Still, City depot staff have been performing janitorial duties as far as possible. Janitorial staff will now be receiving the required inoculation this month where after they will recommence their work.

The City employs janitors as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme. The janitors are contracted from within each informal settlement, thereby ensuring that local labour is used.

Prior to commencing their contracts, all janitors are required to be vaccinated against hepatitis. Unfortunately, as a result of an unforeseen supply-chain management related procurement issue, the City was unable to vaccinate any newly contracted janitors. As such, the janitorial programme was temporarily halted until such time as the City could ensure the health and safety of janitors.

The City is currently following a very specific inoculation protocol which lists the staff who need the inoculation and registers them in order of priority. The first inoculations commenced with available stock on Saturday 22 October and the janitors in BM Section, Khayelitsha were the first to be inoculated. The remainder of the required inoculation stock has now arrived in Cape Town and the schedule has been finalised and is now in place.

Once inoculated the janitors will be able to service settlements which include Masiphumulele, Imizamo Yethu, Freedom Park; Monwood, Monwabisi, Silvertown 1-2, Blikkiesdorp, Kalkfontein, Joe Slovo, Heinz Park, Kosovo, Vygieskraal, Gugulethu and Philippi.