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**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE.**

**WEATHER ALERT: SAWS ISSUES WARNING FOR COLD SNAP- 19 SEPTEMBER 2024.**

As temperatures continue to drop across the country, residents across Tokologo Local Municipality are finding ways to keep the cold at bay and their loved ones warm. The South African Weather Services (SAWS) has issued a weather alert for a cold snap from Thursday, 19 September until Tuesday, 24 September 2024.

The SAWS advisory reads as follows: **“Cold snap to affect South Africa from Sunday until Tuesday as a series of cold fronts impact the Cape provinces from Sunday onwards.”** Many South Africans experienced a hot to very hot start to spring, except for parts of the Cape Provinces, after the first heat wave of the season occurred over parts of Mpumalanga and Limpopo. Weather conditions are expected to change significantly as a cold front and cut-off low-pressure system (the northwards displacement of a deep low-pressure system) will introduce wintery conditions to the Western Cape, southern parts of the Northern Cape and the Eastern Cape from Thursday, 19 September 2024. Significantly colder conditions will then spread to KwaZulu-Natal, the Free State and Mpumalanga on Friday, 20 September, and reach Gauteng, North West and Limpopo on Saturday, 21 September. Disruptive snowfall and bitterly cold conditions are expected to affect the high-lying areas of the Eastern Cape (especially the north-eastern high-ground) from Thursday, spreading to the eastern and southern high-ground of the Free State, the western and southern high-ground of KwaZulu-Natal and extending as far as the southern Highveld of Mpumalanga on Friday into Saturday morning. The public and small stock farmers are advised to take the necessary precautions.

These conditions may lead to:

- Loss of vulnerable small livestock and crops.
- Cold-related illnesses.
- Roll-over of high-sided motor vehicles due to strong winds.
- Significant damage to informal settlements, temporary structures, and houses due to strong winds.

The Municipality would like to encourage the residents to be cautious as they use open-flame and other heating methods to keep warm during these cold conditions and refrain from leaving heating devices unattended.

**In case of emergency, residents should contact:**

**Tokologo Local Disaster Management Centre on 066 195 5056**

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