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**Buffalo City
Municipality**

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BCM test acts in against cholera

Following the latest Cholera case in the City and the scare in the country, the Municipality has proactively gone out to guarantee safety for our people.

We have gone out – using our Health Services and Water & Sanitation Units – to have two sources of water in the City tested.

These are the East London Bank Sewerage Treatment work near Nahoon Golf course and the two rivers (Mhlanzi and Blind) that run down Eastern Beach. These sources were identified because they are linked to the Southernwood area.

This is not done out of necessity as the water is certified drinkable but as a precautionary measure. The tests will be sent for examination and results will come back after eight days.

Our Health Services Unit has also established an “Outbreak Response Task Team” which comprises of various people from different areas of expertise.

This task-team is currently working on the plan of action concerning the confirmed case at hand.

We are committed to be a people centered place of opportunity where basic needs of all are met in a safe, healthy and sustainable environment.