

An outbreak of cholera has killed at least 12 people near South Africa's capital of Pretoria, health authorities confirmed, urging the public to be "extra vigilant".

The Spokesperson for the Minister of Health, Mr Doctor Tshwale, confirmed that it is a serious issue affecting the area. The outbreak has been traced to water feeding into household taps.

Mr Tshwale also confirmed that the outbreak is not only in the Hammanskraal area in Tshwane, but also in the Free State province.

The provincial health department says massive efforts are also underway to curb the spread of diarrhoea and cholera in Vredefort and Parys, and further across the whole of the province.

Officials warn that this could lead to other parts of the country since the Free State is in the centre of the country.