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COVID-19 update - City of Cape Town

STAY SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

COVID-19 update from the City of Cape Town

As we head into the festive season, please remember to continue following COVID-19 safety guidelines. We are experiencing a spike in infections as the virus resurges in our communities. By acting to limit the spread of the virus, we can manage the load on our healthcare system and ultimately save lives.

Community hotspots

Community transmission is on the rise, with current caseloads indicating hotspot areas that include:

Bellville, Claremont, Delft, Dunoon, Grassy Park, Gugulethu, Hanover Park, Kuils River, Lentegeur, Lotus River, Macassar, Milnerton, Nyanga, Ottery, Parklands, Parow, Pinelands, Rocklands, Rondebosch, Sea Point, Somerset West, Strand, Tafelsig and Wynberg.

Unlike the peak, when the country was still in a hard lockdown, there is far more mobility under the current alert level, which means the risk of transmission is greater, and not limited to the suburbs that are experiencing a surge in caseload.

Our healthcare overflow facilities and mobile testing booths remain active; and we stand ready to assist you with COVID-19 screenings, testing and referrals, as well as contact tracing.

Unless it is absolutely necessary, try to avoid large crowds or gatherings. If you must be out in public, please ensure that you follow the COVID-19 Golden Rules:

- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water, or use sanitiser with an alcohol content of at least 70%
- Don't touch your face
- Wear a mask in public at all times
- Keep a social distance of at least 1,5 metres

- Cover your cough
- If you're sick, stay at home

For detailed information on COVID-19, please visit www.capetown.gov.za/Coronavirus or call the toll-free provincial COVID-19 hotline for advice on 080 928 1402.

If you are curious, concerned or simply want to know more about COVID-19 and the recommended protocols and updates from a credible source the National Department of Health has set up a COVID-19 support network to provide up-to-date information:

- WhatsApp the letters "HI" to 060 012 3456 for updates
- Follow them on Twitter www.twitter.com/HealthZA
- Visit www.sacoronavirus.co.za
- Call the emergency hotline 08000 029 999
- Visit <https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/>

STATEMENT BY THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH, COUNCILLOR ZAHID BADROODIEN

Team effort necessary to curb COVID-19 spread

Photographs are available here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zghng6i30vin9fr/AABOp9FueKa9zWGYAYMMankza?dl=0>

I once again joined the City of Cape Town's Environmental Health Service on a series of COVID-19 compliance inspections in the Central Business District last night, during 'First Thursdays'.

The general sense by the end of the evening was that Cape Town continues to struggle with inconsistent application of health and safety protocols to mitigate the risk of exposure and spread of the virus.

This was also evident during a visit to shopping malls on Black Friday.

We want our residents to enjoy the festive season, and we want our businesses to recoup some of the losses brought about by the hard lockdown earlier this year, but it needs to be a team effort.

The visit last night coincided with the President's latest address to the nation on the COVID-19 pandemic, during which he announced stricter regulations for the Nelson Mandela Metropole, following a resurgence in COVID-19 cases there.

Cape Town remains at Alert Level 1, but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels, given the continued increase in transmission rates in the metro.

My observations from the recent excursions with Environmental Health is that we need to do a lot more to ensure that, as a city, we are able to slow the transmission of COVID-19.

The wearing of masks remains an issue, so too the lack of social distancing and in some

instances, very lax sanitising measures.

As the peak of the festive season draws closer, we will see an increase in people socialising and moving around – increasing the risk of exposure.

It is time for every individual to take responsibility for their own safety and that of others by adhering to the prescribed protocols.

We have the playbook on how best to protect ourselves, but it is up to the players to execute it. Government can only do so much.

The City's Environmental Health Service is compelled to monitor areas with high numbers of visitors, to ensure compliance. As part of its operations, it will continue to issue compliance notices. Continued non-compliance will be acted on by national government departments, who are mandated to act on contraventions of the disaster management regulations.

The public is also advised to report any non-compliance to the City's Compliance Hotline on 021 444 3582.

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AL WAT ONS VIR KERSFEES WIL HÊ, IS ...

- ✓ Dat jy jou masker altyd en reg dra wanneer jy uitgaan
- ✓ Dat jy jou hande gereeld reinig en/of was
- ✓ Dat jy jou afstand hou ... onthou ten minste 1,5 meter
- ✓ Klein, kort byeenkomste (as jy moet)
- ✓ Byeenkomste in goed geventileerde plekke (met maskers op)



Kaapstad beleef 'n hernude vlag van Covid-19-gevalle. Dit is uiters belangrik om opnuut basiese gesondheids- en veiligheidsbeginsels te volg om jou en jou geliefdes se blootstellingsrisiko te verminder. Covid-19 kom soos 'n dief in die nag - moenie toelaat dat hy jou Kersfees steel nie.

**Was jou hande.
Hou jou afstand.**



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Maak vooruitgang moontlik. Tesame.

ALL WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS ...

- ✓ Masks, worn properly, when out and about
- ✓ Regular sanitizing and/or washing of hands
- ✓ Keeping our distance ... at least 1,5 metres, remember
- ✓ Small, short gatherings (if you must)
- ✓ Gatherings in well-ventilated areas (masks on)



Cape Town is experiencing a resurgence in COVID-19 cases. It is imperative to go back to health and safety basics to reduce the risk of exposure to you and your loved ones. Don't be the Grinch who steals Christmas.

**Wash your hands.
Keep your distance.**



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