

# Urgent Advisory for Witzenberg on COVID-19 (Corona virus)

20 March 2020



Following President Cyril Ramaphosa's address to the nation on Sunday, 15 March 2020 evening and declaring South Africa as a National State of Disaster with the rapid spread of the COVID-19 (Corona virus), strict emergency measures and guidelines have been announced on national level.

In the light of the above, the Witzenberg Municipality is not taking the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic lightly, and have decided on the following measures to be implemented immediately to curb the spread of the pandemic. The following will be effective until 14 April 2020, after which it will be reassessed:

## **AVOID PUBLIC FACILITIES & SPACES**

- \* All public and social spaces are to be avoided as far as possible.
- \* All public gatherings of more than 100 is prohibited, including weddings, funerals, etc.
- \* All public libraries have been closed; drop-off boxes will be available for returns only.
- \* All municipal halls and sport facilities are closed; all new and old bookings have been suspended.
- \* Pine Forest Resort in Ceres have been closed with immediate effect.
- \* All public swimming pools are closed.
- \* All public events have been cancelled.
- \* All restaurants, taverns and clubs with onsite alcohol consumption must with immediate effect close for business from 18:00 – 09:00 Monday – Saturday, and 13:00 on Sundays, as well as limit patrons to 50 at any one time.

## **NO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- \* All public meetings including IDP, public participation, etc have been postponed.
- \* Council meetings will be moved to the Town Hall and number of public attendees limited.

## **GOOD HYGIENE**

- \* All municipal buildings and entrances will continuously be disinfected.
- \* Hand sanitizers will be made available to all staff and visitors entering municipal buildings.
- \* Avoid close contact, and always keep a 1m distance.
- \* Wash your hands regularly with water and soap for 20 seconds.
- \* In areas where water restrictions apply such as Tulbagh, we plead with communities to use water sparingly.
- \* If you are feeling ill, have a chronic illness or have a weak immune system, avoid public places and spaces, keep your distance and self-isolate.

## **COMMUNICATION**

- \* Information on COVID-19 will continuously be shared on all available platforms.
- \* Updates from the national health department will be communicated as received.

The public must also be aware that there are various scams going around and we urge all to be vigilant especially during this time. If concerned, the public can contact the following emergency numbers if you are showing possible symptoms of COVID-19, as **health officials will come to you if needed**:

NATIONAL	PROVINCIAL	WHATSAPP "Hi" TO:	EMAIL:
<b>0800 029 999</b>	<b>021 928 4102</b>	<b>060 012 3456</b>	<b>doh.dismed@westerncape.gov.za</b>

We urge the greater Witzenberg community to remain calm, and to avoid public and social spaces as far as possible to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, the public must at all times adhere to all national, provincial and local health and safety guidelines and regulations as communicated. Witzenberg Municipality will as far as possible work towards and ensure uninterrupted service delivery, and protect the well-being of the staff and public we serve.

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