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Dear Sir/ Madam,

30 March 2020

To contain the spread of the coronavirus, our President made an announcement by that our country will be on lockdown in terms of the Disaster's Management Act during 26 March 2020 to 16 April 2020. Following the announcement, regulations and directives have been issued by government to ensure proper implementation and co-operation by all in assisting with flattening the curve.

Below we have summarised important points setting out what is and is not allowed during this period.

### 1. CONTRAVENTION OF THE REGULATIONS:

Any person who contravenes the Regulations, will be guilty of a criminal offence and will be liable to a **fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both.**

### 2. WHAT IS ALLOWED:

#### a. You will be allowed to collect social grants:

- Social grants will be paid from **March 30 and 31 2020** for the elderly and the disabled. Other grants such as child social grants will be paid on the **1st of April 2020.**
- From Monday, **30 March 2020 until Friday, 3 April 2020**, buses and taxis will be permitted to operate from 5am until 8pm in order to cater to the transportation needs.
- Social Distancing must be exercised and thus do not enter any transport vehicle that is overcrowded.
- You must have your ID and Sassa cards when travelling to collection points at all times.
- Contact Info: **Toll Free: 0800601011 | [www.sassa.gov.za](http://www.sassa.gov.za)**

#### b. You will be allowed to buy Food and Medication:

- Food and essential goods can be bought from stores closest to your home.
- Medication will be made available at pharmacies.

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### b. You will be allowed to buy Food and Medication: (continued)

- If you are stopped by the officials and asked why you are out, you need to explain. Keeping slips and receipts will assist when coming from shops.
- **ONLY ESSENTIAL Foods, No Alcohol are to be bought or sold during this time.**
- **Online Order:** Takealot.com has been named an essential service. Only essential items can be ordered, and no food items except pet food, limited to five items per customer. Some supermarkets offer deliveries, but there is a waiting period due to demand.
- If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative you can take food to them or take them to the doctor but would be required to explain when stopped by officials.

### c. You will be allowed to seek medical attention:

- You will be able to visit the doctor, hospital or clinic and seek medical attention when required.
- It is always best to try and call upfront to secure your appointments.
- If you are showing symptoms of Covid-19, & need medical care:
  - ✓ Call your doctor or clinic and report your symptoms.
  - ✓ Wear a facemask when you enter the healthcare facility.
  - ✓ Ask your healthcare professional to inform the NICD if you test positive for Covid-19.
  - ✓ Keep a distance of at least one-and-a-half meters from your family members at home.
- For exposure or illness related to the Corona Virus, you may contact:
  - ✓ National Institute for Communicable Diseases Coronavirus **Emergency 24- hour hotline number 0800 029 999** or WhatsApp number **060 012 3456** and or visit the website at **[sacoronavirus.co.za/](http://sacoronavirus.co.za/)** **[www.nicd.ac.za](http://www.nicd.ac.za)**.

### d. Funerals:

The Department of Home Affairs will continue issuing death certificates timeously and a gathering of 50 people will be allowed at a funeral. However, travelling between Provinces to attend the funeral will be prohibited.



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### e. **You will be allowed to access public transportation for essential services:**

- **Such as:** being in possession of a valid permit to report for work or duty due to rendering an essential service; obtaining essential goods, seeking medical assistance, attending a funeral service or collecting social grants.



It is important to ensure that you have your ID document and permits (if rendering an essential service) with you at all times.

- Public transport will only be available between 5am and 9am and again between 4pm and 8pm and includes bus and taxi services, e-hailing services and private vehicles.
- A vehicle may hold only 50% of its licensed capacity and drivers must ensure that vehicles have been sanitised. You may only use these services if you do not have flu-like symptoms.
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### 3. **WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED:**

- Leave your home at all unless it is for an essential service for which you require a valid permit, to buy essential foods and medication for yourself or a vulnerable relative or elderly or to seek medical attention.
- You are not permitted to leave the country, or the province you are staying in, and you may not travel outside your metropolitan area. (Movements between Provinces and Districts is prohibited)
- No purchase or selling of alcohol. You are not to even leave your home with alcohol.
- No jogging, no dog walking, no exercise or utilization of any Public facilities in Public as well as in Residential or Security Estates and Complexes.
- Children are not to be moved between parents or homes during the lockdown period, unless exceptional circumstances exist.
- All gatherings have been prohibited, including gatherings on public roads, buildings, places and premises.
- No night vigils allowed. This means that weddings, traditional ceremonies, parties, are prohibited.

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#### **4. PLACES YOU WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ACCESSING:**

- Public Parks ; Fleamarkets; Public swimming pools; Beaches; Nightclubs; Casinos; Lodges; Guesthouses; Hotels; Private and public game reserves; Holiday resorts; Shopping malls (excluding grocery store and pharmacies at the stores); Cinemas; Taverns; Bars; Shebeens and any place normally open to the public where religious, cultural, sporting, entertainment, recreational, organisational or similar activities may take place.

#### **SHOULD YOU REQUIRE LEGAL ASSISTANCE, KINDLY CONTACT OUR OFFICES WITH YOUR LEGAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Yours Faithfully  
(Electronically sent, therefore not signed)

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