



COVID-19: UPDATED LEVEL 3 TALKING POINTS

The power to defeat coronavirus is in our hands.

- As the country gradually opens up, and as we resume more activities, the risk of infection inevitably increases.
- Through our personal and collective actions we can continue to delay the rate of infection across society.
- The most effective defences against the virus are the simplest; everyone must continue to wash hands, sanitise and adhere to safety measures.
- When traveling, wear a face mask at all times and maintain a safe distance and reduce contact with others where possible.

Government has eased restrictions on certain economic activities.

The following economic activities will resume under level 3.

- Restaurants for 'sit-down' meals.
- Accredited and licenced accommodation, with the exception of home sharing accommodation like AirBnB.
- Conferences and meetings for business purposes and in line with restrictions on public gatherings.
- Cinemas, theatres and casinos, in line with the limitations on the gathering of people.
- Personal care services, including hairdressers and beauty services.
- Non-contact sports such as golf, tennis, cricket and others.
- Contact sports will be allowed only for training and modified activities with restricted use of facilities.
- Announcements will be made in due course to detail these measures and indicate the date from which these activities will be permitted.

Certain restrictions remain in place.

- Our national borders remain closed.
- The on-site consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
- Bars and taverns, shebeens, night clubs, fêtes, bazaars, beaches, public parks, and museums remain closed.
- Tobacco products will not be sold.
- No person may be evicted from their place of residence regardless of whether it is a formal or informal residence or farm dwelling during this period.
- Male and female initiation practices are prohibited during this period.
- The sale of liquor is permitted from 1 June 2020 only between Mondays and Thursdays from 09h00 and 17h00.

We are addressing the shortage of coronavirus test kits.

- Like many other countries, South Africa has been affected by the global shortage of coronavirus test kits and other materials.
- We have prioritised testing patients in hospitals, health care workers, vulnerable people like the elderly and hotspot areas.
- We are using every avenue available to source the supplies we need and to increase our testing capacity and improve the turnaround time.
- Among the initiatives, that we have pursued together with other countries on our continent is the ground-breaking Africa Medical Supplies Portal.
- This is a single continental marketplace where African countries can access critical medical supplies, such as test kits, from suppliers and manufacturers in Africa and around the world.

We are monitoring international developments in the treatment of COVID-19.

- A study by the University of Oxford in Britain found that the drug dexamethasone reduced deaths among patients on ventilation by a third.
- The dexamethasone drug is manufactured in South Africa and it is being considered for use on patients on ventilators and on oxygen supply.
- We believe that this will improve our management of the disease among those who are most severely affected.

The lockdown bought us valuable time.

- We used the time during the lockdown to prepare and put in place public health measures to minimise infections.
- We established over 100 quarantine centres, increased the number of intensive care units and have made provision for additional beds in field hospitals.