



## Covid-19 Regulatory Update 26 March 2020

Covid-19 related guidelines and regulations available at <https://www.gov.za/coronavirus/guidelines>.

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### AVIATION

#### *Media Statement*

#### **SA Government News Agency. SAA to suspend domestic flights.**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

“South African Airways (SAA) will suspend all its domestic flights with effect from Friday, 27 March 2020.

“The decision came after government announced a nation-wide lockdown for 21 days aimed at combatting the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19),” it said in a statement on Tuesday.

The decision follows President Cyril Ramaphosa’s announcement on Monday, of a nationwide lockdown that will come into effect from midnight on Thursday.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/saa-suspend-domestic-flights>

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### CONFIRMED CASES

#### *Media Statements*

#### **Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 709 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 25 March 2020.**

“As of today, the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Africa have risen by 155. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 709:

Gauteng: 319, Western Cape: 183, KwaZulu Natal: 91, Free State: 30, North West: 5, Mpumalanga: 8, Limpopo: 4, Eastern Cape: 2, Northern Cape: 2 and Unallocated: 65.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-709-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-25-mar-2020-0000>

### **Western Cape updates on confirmed cases of Coronavirus Covid-19. 25 March 2020.**

The Western Cape has a total of confirmed cases of COVID-19. The regional breakdown is as follows:

- Cape Town 143
- Winelands 9
- Overberg 5
- Garden Route 12
- Unknown: 5.

The continued rapid spread of this virus is a call to each and every one of us: obey the upcoming lockdown by staying home. Extreme social distancing is the very best tool we have to stop this virus in its tracks.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-coronavirus-province-25-mar-2020-0000>

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## **COURTS**

### *Media Statement*

#### **SA Government News Agency. Courts to operate during lockdown.**

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“Courts will operate to a limited extent to deal with urgent matters during the lockdown period.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/courts-operate-during-lockdown>

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## **CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

### *Media Statement*

#### **SA Government News Agency. Arts and Culture sets aside R150 million for relief.**

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“The Arts and Culture Department has reprioritised its budget allocation from Quarter One to avail over R150 million to provide much needed relief to practitioners in the sector, as the country prepares for 21 days of a national lockdown.

“The allocated funds will be utilised to render various forms of support to practitioners during this period.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/arts-and-culture-sets-aside-r150-million-relief>

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## **DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

### *Government Gazettes*

#### **Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Regulations made in terms of Section 27(2) by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

RGN398 GG 43148 p3 25Mar2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43148\\_25-3\\_COGTA.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43148_25-3_COGTA.pdf)

#### **Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Directions made in terms of Section 27(2) by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

Purpose: “To direct municipalities and provinces in respect of the following matters in response to COVID -19:

- (a) Provision of water and sanitation services;
- (b) Hygiene education, communication and awareness;
- (c) Waste management, cleansing and sanitization;
- (d) Municipal public spaces, facilities and offices;
- (e) Customary initiations and cultural practices
- (f) Isolation and quarantine;
- (g) Monitoring and enforcement;
- (h) Municipal operations and governance;
- (i) Institutional arrangements and development of COVID -19 response plans; and
- (j) Precautionary measures to mitigate employee health and safety risks.”

RGN399 GG 43147 p3 25Mar2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43147\\_25-3\\_COGTA.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43147_25-3_COGTA.pdf)

*Media Statements***SA Government News Agency. Critical services remain available to the public.**

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“All Directors-General (DGs) and Heads of Departments (HODs) have been directed to identify the minimum critical and essential services that must remain available to the public.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/critical-services-remain-available-public>

**SA Government News Agency. Gauteng plans to fight COVID-19.**

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“The Gauteng Provincial Government, led by Premier David Makhura, has announced wide ranging plans and interventions to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Briefing the media on Wednesday, Premier Makhura said the province had adopted a multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approach which will proactively involve significant actors within the province to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/gauteng-plans-fight-covid-19>

**Minister Bheki Cele unpacks measures by the police to enforce the Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 25 March 2020.**

“Following the declaration of a nationwide lockdown by the President this past Monday, we have sat as the JCPS Cluster and the South African Police Service, to outline and intensify the measures we would be implementing to make sure that the intentions of this lockdown are realised. With the subsequent deployment of the SANDF, we will be increasing visibility and conduct integrated foot patrols, roadblocks, vehicle checkpoints as of 23h59 on Thursday evening 26 March 2020. Metro Police Departments as well as other Law Enforcement Agencies will form part of these joint operations that will be conducted for the duration of the lockdown. Operations, especially roadblocks will be conducted at sector policing level within communities and residential areas, on provincial and national roads. This will ensure that the movement of people and vehicles is kept to the minimum, with the exception of the transportation of essential good and/or services which include fire and medical emergency services.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-bheki-cele-unpacks-measures-police-enforce-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-25-mar>

**SA Government News Agency. No dog walking, alcohol sale during lockdown.**

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“There will be no jogging, dog-walking or sale of alcohol, during the government-imposed 21-day lockdown, says Police Minister Bheki Cele. The stringent regulations are among a range of prohibited services and areas to be accessed during this period.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/no-dog-walking-alcohol-sale-during-lockdown>

**SA tackles densely populated areas.**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

“Twenty-nine areas have been identified for de-densification in an effort to combat the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Outlining her department’s interventions to curb the spread of COVID-19 at a media briefing in Tshwane on Tuesday, Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Minister, Lindiwe Sisulu, warned that if the virus reaches densely populated areas, it will find fertile ground to spread.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sa-tackles-densely-populated-areas>

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**EDUCATION***Media Statements***SA Government News Agency. Task team to address COVID-19 response in higher education.**

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“Government has established a task team for stakeholders in the post school and education training sector.

“We have established a COVID-19 Team comprising of Universities South Africa (USAF), South African College Principals Organisation (SACPO), Higher Health and Health Experts to coordinate sector response and collate institutional case management reports,” Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr Blade Nzimande said.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/task-team-address-covid-19-response-higher-education>

**Western Cape Education on national Coronavirus Covid-19 lockdown. 25 March 2020.**

“On Monday evening, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that South Africa will enter a nationwide lockdown for 21 days with effect from midnight on Thursday, 26 March 2020. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has engaged with the National Department of Basic Education on the lockdown’s effect on the public schooling system. Currently, the date for the reopening of schools is uncertain. This does not, however, mean that learning will not continue.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-education-national-covid-19%2%A0lockdown-25-mar-2020-0000>

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**ENERGY***Media Statements***SA Government News Agency. Load shedding unlikely during lockdown.**

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“Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe says the possibility of load shedding during the 21-day nationwide lockdown is unlikely. “The supply of fuel to the relevant critical and essential services, as well as the supply of coal to Eskom for electricity supply and liquid fuels production, are critical during this period.

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/load-shedding-unlikely-during-lockdown>

**Remarks by Mineral Resources and Energy Minister, Mr Gwede Mantashe (MP) unpacking mineral and energy industries’ response in preparation for a nationwide lockdown. 25 March 2020.**

“The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy yesterday met key stakeholders in the mining and energy industries to consolidate plans to deal with the spread of Covid-19. This is in support of the decisive action by the President of the Republic, HE Cyril Ramaphosa, to institute a nationwide lockdown from 23h59pm on Thursday 26th March 2020. Working together with the South African Petroleum Industry Association, the Minerals Council SA and in consultation with labour unions, we have developed a framework through which these industries will implement the envisaged directives. This is being done in order to safeguard the lives of people, while ensuring that the limited economic activity which will be undertaken during this period is supported.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-gwede-mantashe-government%E2%80%99s-intervention-measures-coronavirus-25-mar-2020-0000>

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**HOME AFFAIRS***Media Statement***SA Government News Agency. Skeleton staff to operate Home Affairs.**

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“Home Affairs will only offer limited services during the 21-day nationwide lockdown aimed at curbing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). “Home Affairs will have a skeleton staff for the purpose of issuing temporary IDs for those who have lost them and may need to make transactions that are essential for instance with the bank,” Minister of Home Affairs, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi said.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/skeleton-staff-operate-home-affairs>

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**FINANCIAL LAW***Media Release***South African Reserve Bank. Further amendments to the money market liquidity management strategy of the South African Reserve Bank and additions to the Monetary Policy Portfolio. 25 March 2020.**

<https://www.resbank.co.za/Lists/News%20and%20Publications/Attachments/9805/Further%20amendments%20to%20the%20money%20market%20liquidity%20management%20strategy%20of%20the%20SARB.pdf>

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**MEDICAL LAW***Media Statement***Provincial Council on AIDS supports National Lockdown as a means to curb Coronavirus. 25 March 2020.**

The North West Provincial Council on AIDS support the national lockdown call by President Cyril Ramaphosa as a bold decision that seeks to curb the spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus. With the country now surpassing 700 cases of coronavirus, it is time for drastic measures for prevention. As the Provincial Council on AIDS we understand the national lockdown to mean that all non-essential businesses will close to make sure that movement of people is restricted. International and national trends shows that travelling has contributed to the spike in coronavirus cases. In between and the start of the national lockdown at 23:59 on Thursday, 26 March, we will be using our ground forces to spread the message of a national lockdown and for our community to adhere to regulations around it.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/north-west-health-covid19-national-lockdown-25-mar-2020-0000>

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## PERSONS AND FAMILY LAW

### Media Statement

#### **Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane appeals to parents and caregivers to keep children safe during the National State of Disaster. 25 March 2020.**

“The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane appeals to the nation, particularly family members, parents and caregivers, to ensure that children are properly cared for and not left unattended during the National State of Disaster Period. Since the national disaster was declared, government have put in place a range of regulations and directives. These regulations have restricted international travel, prohibited gatherings of more than 100 people, closed schools and other educational institutions and restricted the sale of alcohol after 6pm to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-maite-nkoana-mashabane-safety-children-during-covid-19-lockdown-25-mar-2020-0000>

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

### Media Statements

#### **Minister Senzo Mchunu: Government’s intervention measures on Coronavirus Covid-19. 25 March 2020.**

“The focus of the Public Service is the continuous provision of critical and essential services required for the effective functioning of the Public Service during the nationwide lockdown, as declared by President Cyril Ramaphosa on Monday, 22 March 2020, following decision of the National Command Council. To this effect, the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) has issued directives and circulars to ensure that all national departments and provincial administrations deliver critical and essential public services, and for all of them to contribute towards the containment of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/intervention-measures-coronavirus-25-mar-2020-0000>

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## ROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION

### Media Statements

#### **SA Government News Agency. Essential transport services to continue.**

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“Essential transport services will continue to operate during the 21-day nationwide lockdown aimed at curbing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

“Minibus-taxis will be allowed to transport essential services workers and those allowed to make the necessary permitted movements,” Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula said.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/essential-transport-services-continue>

#### **Statement of the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, on the occasion of unpacking lockdown implications for transport. 25 March 2020.**

“In announcing the nation-wide lockdown, the President indicated that provision will be made for essential transport services to continue, including transport for essential staff and for patients who need to be managed elsewhere. The measures we are announcing today are in line with this injunction, while ensuring that the objective of the lockdown is achieved.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-fikile-mbalula-unpacking-implications-transport-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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## SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### Media Statement

#### **Statement by the Minister of the Department of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, MP during the JCPS cluster media briefing. 25 March 2020.**

“The JCPS cluster is a supporting structure to Social Development. The Decisions they make have a direct impact to the Department which includes amongst others, courts and all the structures that support the courts, police services and all the structures that support COVID – 19 as well as Defence and all the deployments. The suspension of the different rights in line with the Disaster Act as previously declared by Justice, the regulations as prescribed in terms of COVID-19.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-lindiwe-zulu-unpacks-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-implications-social-development>

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## SPORT

### *Media Statement*

#### **Statement by the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture on mitigation plans to minimise the impact of the Covid19 Pandemic on the Sector. 25 March 2020.**

“President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency, MC Ramaphosa, in his address to the nation on the 15 March 2020, declared the spread of Corona Virus (Covid 19) a national disaster. This declaration necessitated the implementation of measures to mitigate the challenges. Amongst the measures announced by the President was to limit gatherings to less than one hundred people. This necessary measure was a fatal blow to the sector, since it depends on numbers for it to survive be it Gigs, Concerts, Sporting matches et al. We made the point at the time and we are reiterating now, that sporting and creative sectors are going to be the hardest hit by these critically important measures.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nathi-mthethwa-mitigation-plans-minimise-impact-covid19-pandemic-25-mar-2020-0000>

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