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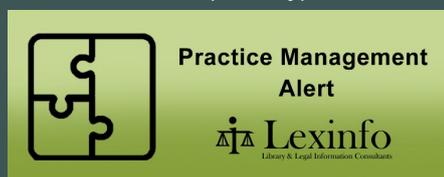
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Events Calendar

28 April	What good can come of this? Emotional and mental wellbeing and the legal workplace post Covid-19	Webinar	View here
12 May	Law Firm Management and Ethical Considerations	Webinar	View here.
18-29 May	Virtual Entrepreneurship Conference Black Swan Ruling – Entrepreneurship and the Economy Under and After the Pandemic	Webinar	View here.
25 May	Infected deals: M&A in times of Covid-19	Webinar	View here.
27 May	Locking the deal-making gates: the world turns protectionist	Webinar	View here.
29 May	Being a young partner or a senior associate in times of Covid-19: first sacrificial offering - or big opportunity?	Webinar	View here.

AGRICULTURE

Media Release

KwaZulu-Natal Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs. MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube rolls out COVID-19 Coronavirus assistance programme, 27 Apr. 26 April 2020.

“We believe that the support for emerging entrepreneurs in this province is critical in responding to socio-economic challenges created by COVID-19. In this regard, the department’s resources are being allocated to accelerate the implementation of the Radical Agrarian Socio-Economic Transformation Programme (RASET). We want to improve the value chain of food production and supply for underprivileged farmers and emerging agri-businesses. Through RASET, we are attending to structural barriers associated within existing value chains. In response to COVID-19, our focus is on the co-ordination and facilitation of access to funding and access to markets. The department has distributed: 15 Isuzu trucks; A total of 10 Toyota 4x4 bakkies; and a total of 10 – 2ton trailers. Public and some private markets have been secured and will be supplied weekly by emerging farmers.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-nomusa-dube-ncube-rolls-out-covid-19-coronavirus-assistance-programme-27-apr-26-apr>

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COMPETITION

Media Statement

SA Government News Agency. Competition Tribunal orders refund of customers.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“A Gauteng hardware store found to have charged its customers excessive prices for surgical gloves during the State of National Disaster has been ordered to refund its customers for the overcharge, said the Competition Tribunal of South Africa. Main Hardware (Pty) Ltd, based in central Johannesburg, must also reduce its mark-up on surgical gloves to 10% during the remainder of the pandemic period and for six months thereafter. “This arrangement forms part of a settlement between the Competition Commission and Main Hardware which has been confirmed as an order of the Tribunal,” said the tribunal on Friday.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/competition-tribunal-orders-refund-customers>

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CONFIRMED CASES

Media Releases

Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 4 220 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 24 April 2020.

“A total of 152 390 COVID-19 tests have been conducted. There are 267 new COVID-19 cases, with the total number of confirmed cases at 4 220. Today we regre[ably] report 4 new deaths. This brings the total to 79. We convey our condolences to the families of the deceased and appreciate the health workers who treated the deceased pa^ents. The new deaths are from the following provinces: Western Cape: 2 and KZN: 2.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-4-220-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-24-apr-2020-0000>

Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 4 361 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 25 April 2020.

“As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is 4 361. The total number of tests conducted to date is 161 004, of which 8 614 were done in the last 24 hours.

- Gauteng: 1304;
- Western Cape: 1514;
- KwaZulu – Natal: 847;
- Eastern Cape: 488;
- Free State: 111;
- Limpopo: 30;
- North West: 28;
- Mpumalanga: 23;
- Northern Cape: 16; and
- Unallocated: 0.

Today we are saddened to report 7 more deaths, making the total number of deaths 86. The new deaths are from the following provinces: Eastern Cape: 4; Western Cape: 2; and Limpopo: 1.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-4-361-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-25-apr-2020-0000>

Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 4 546 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 26 April 2020.

“As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is 4546. The total number of tests conducted to date is 168 643, of which 7 639 were done in the last 24 hours. The provincial breakdown is as follows: Gauteng: 1331; Western Cape: 1608; KwaZulu – Natal: 863; Eastern Cape: 535; Free State: 110; Limpopo: 31; North West: 28; Mpumalanga: 23; Northern Cape: 17; and Unallocated: 0. We regrettably report another COVID-19 related death (1) in the Western Cape, which increases the total number of deaths to 87. We convey condolences to the family and appreciate our frontline workers who treated this patient. We are pleased to announce that in the early hours of tomorrow, 27 April 2020, a delegation of 217 Cuban Medical Brigade will arrive in South Africa. This is in response to the Government of the Republic of South Africa’s request to the Government of Cuba to offer us assistance and medical personnel support comprising of infectious diseases specialists, to support South Africa in its efforts to deal with COVID-19.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-4-546-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-26-apr-2020-0000>

Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 4 793 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 27 April 2020.

“As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is 4 793. The total number of tests conducted to date is 178 470, of which 9 827 were done in the last 24 hours. The provincial breakdown is as follows:

- Gauteng: 1353;
- Western Cape: 1737;
- KwaZulu – Natal: 902;
- Eastern Cape: 588;
- Free State: 111;
- Limpopo: 31;
- North West: 28;
- Mpumalanga: 26;
- Northern Cape: 17; and
- Unallocated: 0.”

We regret to report a further three deaths: two from the Western Cape and one from KZN. This brings the total cumulative COVID-19 related deaths to 90.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-4-793-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-27-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Office of the Premier. Premier Alan Winde on COVID-19 Coronavirus cases in Western Cape. 26 April 2020.

“As of 17h00 on 25 April, the Western Cape has recorded 1531 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection.

- Total confirmed COVID-19 cases: 1531;
- Total recoveries: 249;
- Total deaths: 32;
- Total active cases (currently infected patients): 1250;
- Patients in hospital: 68 with 26 in ICU; and
- Total tests conducted: 25774.

The province has recorded two more deaths- a 53-year old man with significant comorbidities and a 76-year old man-bringing the total number of deaths to 32 in the province. We extend our condolences to their family and friends at this time. Most of the people who have died in the province have been vulnerable, either because of their age, or because they had an underlying medical condition.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-covid-19-coronavirus-cases-western-cape-26-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Office of the Premier. Premier Alan Winde update on Coronavirus COVID-19 on 24 April. 25 April 2020.

“As of 17h00 on 24 April, the Western Cape has recorded 1435 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection.

- Total confirmed COVID-19 cases: 1435;
- Total recoveries: 249;
- Total deaths: 30;
- Total active cases (currently infected patients): 1156;
- Patients in hospital: 63 with 16 in ICU; and
- Total tests conducted: 24241.

The Western Cape has recorded two new deaths- a woman, aged 51 and a man, aged 30, both with comorbidities. We send our condolences to their loved ones during this difficult time. In the last 24 hours, a further 1550 tests have been conducted in the Western Cape.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-update-coronavirus-covid-19-24-april-25-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Provincial Government. Premier Alan Winde visits new Khayelitsha testing and triage centre. 27 April 2020.

“As of 17h00 on 26 April, the Western Cape has recorded 1618 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection.

- Total confirmed COVID-19 cases: 1618;
- Total recoveries: 249;
- Total deaths: 33;
- Total active cases (currently infected patients): 1336;
- Patients in hospital: 75 with 26 in ICU; and
- Total tests conducted: 26 666.

Today I had the opportunity to visit the newly completed testing and triage centre at the Khayelitsha Hospital. This is one of 17 such planned facilities which will be rolled out in the province. These facilities have been designed to relieve the pressure on emergency services, and allow for patients to be tested, assessed and assisted separately from the other services. These temporary facilities are part of our efforts to ensure that our health care system will not be overwhelmed once we reach the peak infections t, and that we are able to provide appropriate care and assistance to our communities.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-visits-new-khayelitsha-testing-and-triage-centre-27-apr-2020-0000>

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CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

Media Releases

South African Police Service. Police arrest suspect for dealing in drugs. 26 April 2020.

“Francisco Langa (31) was remanded in custody by the Komatipoort Magistrate Court on Friday after he was arrested with more than R600 000 worth of heroin and sealed boxes of alcohol. Langa a truck driver from Mozambique was arrested during a roadblock at Komatipoort port of entry on Thursday while he was on his way to Johannesburg. Upon the search of the truck, four packets laden with heroin and a number of sealed boxes of Gordon London Dry Gin and box of Smirnoff 1818 to the value of R16 400 were found hidden inside the truck. The suspect was charged for dealing in drugs and contravening the Covid -19 regulations. He is expected back at the same court on Tuesday.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/police-arrest-suspect-dealing-drugs-26-apr-2020-0000>

South African Police Service. Police arrest suspects for robbery in KwaMashu. 26 April 2020.

“25 April 2020- Police officers from the eThekweni Central Field Unit conducted an intelligence driven operation to hunt down robbery suspects hiding out in KwaMashu. The operation which was conducted last night resulted in the arrest of two suspects aged 26 and 29. Police pounced on the first suspect who was at a shopping centre, however he fled into dense bushes when he spotted police. The police officers gave chase and he was eventually apprehended after an extensive search of the area. The suspect (29) is alleged to have entered a shop on Mahatma Gandhi Road with his accomplices last month and stole groceries, cellphones and airtime vouchers. Following his arrest he was detained at the Point police station on charges of robbery. He will appear in the Durban Magistrates Court on 28 April 2020. He will join his four co-accused who are already in custody.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/police-arrest-suspects-robbery-kwamashu-26-apr-2020-0000>

Media Statements

SA Government News Agency. Suspect arrested for food parcel fraud.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“The Hawks have arrested a 33-year-old suspect for fraudulently diverting food parcels meant for deserving households. It is alleged that two victims from different households were defrauded after they were made to sign for food parcels they had not received but were promised would be delivered at a later stage - which never happened. The Department of Social Development had provided the food parcels, worth an estimated R900 each.”
<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/suspect-arrested-food-parcel-fraud>

SA Government News Agency. Transnet warns public of procurement scam.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) on Friday warned the public about fraudulent Requests for Quotations (RFQs) or proposals that are being sent under the guise of it being official TFR documents. Since the start of the COVID-19 lockdown, it has emerged that fraudulent proposals have been issued for the supply of personal protective equipment (hand sanitiser, masks and non-powdered surgical gloves) sent to unsuspecting suppliers using the TFR name, logo and employees email addresses. “The fraudulent requests are sent via email to suppliers, requesting them to send quotations or to deliver goods.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/transnet-warns-public-procurement-scam>

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EDUCATION

Media Release

Western Cape Education. MEC Debbie Schäfer: Quality teaching at home during COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. 26 April 2020.

“With schools closing all over the world due to Covid-19, online or distance learning have become the new buzz words in many countries. I am very aware of the public sentiment around online learning in South Africa. It is true that not all learners have access to online resources and equipment that can make distance learning possible. I have addressed this in previous parts of this series and will continue to do so later this week. This, however, cannot be a reason to stop the Department from advancing in this area, and to encourage all teachers and learners to use it, where they can... I am not talking about teachers setting up elaborate online learning sites. I am referring to some of the most basic forms of technology or social media, which many South Africans have. These include the use of WhatsApp and Facebook for example.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-debbie-sch%C3%A4fer-quality-teaching-home-during-covid-19-coronavirus-pandemic-26-apr-2020>

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EMPLOYMENT LAW

Directives

BCHC. Consolidated COVID-19 Temporary Employee / Employer Relief Scheme Directives including directives published by the Minister of Employment and Labour on 26 March 2020, 8 April 2020 and 16 April 2020.

<http://www.bchc.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BCHC-Consolidated-TERS-Directives-25-March-2020-8-April-2020-and-16-April-2020-PDF.pdf>

Media Releases

Department of Employment and Labour. Employment and Labour eases lockdown burden with timely relief payments. 26 April 2020.

“The Department of Employment and Labour is continuing to ease the burden, not only of the lockdown but the financial strain attached to it through timely disbursements of relief benefits to qualifying workers. So far the Department through its entity, the Unemployment Insurance Fund has eased the burden of 862 550 workers by paying COVID-19 Temporary Employee Relief Scheme to the tune of just over R3-billion (R3 283 896 482.46) since April 16 2020. We know that these payments made to employees through 59 161 employers who have claimed on their behalf have not only positively affected more than the 862 550 workers, but also provided much needed relief to their families and extended families. The payments are designed to ease the pain of the salary shortfall as most companies are closed because of the lockdown.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/employment-and-labour-eases-lockdown-burden%C2%A0timely-relief-payments-26-apr-2020-0000>

Department of Employment and Labour. Employment and Labour on Unemployment Insurance Fund benefits during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 24 April 2020.

“Hundreds of thousands of employees who may qualify for COVID-19 Temporary Employer / Employee Relief Scheme benefits may not receive their due because companies have either not applied on their behalf or have not corrected the information to enable the UIF to pay timeously. The UIF is concerned that as of today, 220 768 employees who collectively may be entitled to as much as R927 694 773 in benefits have their payments delayed pending verification by the employers because some of the beneficiaries either do not appear in the UIF’s system or

the information given is insufficient. "When we receive applications from employers, we verify the information to ensure that the employees they are claiming for appear in our system. When we identify inconsistencies, we send the enquiry to the employer for verification," said the UIF Commissioner, Teboho Maruping."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/employment-and-labour-unemployment-insurance-fund-benefits-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Media Statements

SA Government News Agency. 1.5 million workers set to return to work.

2020 Apr 25 SA News

"About 1.5 million more South Africans will from 1 May return to work as government begins to lift a fraction of COVID-19 lockdown regulations. This comes as government gradually eases the economy back into activity as announced this week by President Cyril Ramaphosa. The regulations were introduced last month as government sought to counter the spread in the country. About 3 400 South Africans have contracted the virus while about 70 have died. Trade, Industry and Commission Minister Ebrahim Patel presented the details contained in the Risk Adjusted Strategy, which is out for public comment and consultation. During the briefing, the Minister detailed the classification of industries as part of the risk adjusted strategy on re-opening the economy."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/15-million-workers-set-return-work>

SA Government News Agency. CSIR says YES to youth employment.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

"The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has partnered with the Youth Employment Service (YES) to prepare young people for employment by providing them with technical skills and relevant work opportunities. The CSIR and YES recently signed a Sponsored Host Placement Agreement, which will see the two parties working closely together to address the pressing issue of equipping young South Africans with the skills needed for the workplace. The YES initiative, which is a business-led collaboration with government and labour to create job opportunities for youth, was launched by President Cyril Ramaphosa in March 2018."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/csir-says-yes-youth-employment>

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FINANCIAL LAW

Media Releases

Department of Employment and Labour. Employment and Labour eases lockdown burden with timely relief payments. 26 April 2020.

"The Department of Employment and Labour is continuing to ease the burden, not only of the lockdown but the financial strain attached to it through timely disbursements of relief benefits to qualifying workers. So far the Department through its entity, the Unemployment Insurance Fund has eased the burden of 862 550 workers by paying COVID-19 Temporary Employee Relief Scheme to the tune of just over R3-billion (R3 283 896 482.46) since April 16 2020. We know that these payments made to employees through 59 161 employers who have claimed on their behalf have not only positively affected more than the 862 550 workers, but also provided much needed relief to their families and extended families. The payments are designed to ease the pain of the salary shortfall as most companies are closed because of the lockdown."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/employment-and-labour-eases-lockdown-burden%2%A0-timely-relief-payments-26-apr-2020-0000>

National Treasury. Minister Tito Mboweni: Media briefing to outline economic support package. 24 April 2020.

"We must always balance short-term fiscal and monetary policy interventions with long-run sustainability. Working under the leadership of our President, we calibrated a fiscal package of approximately R500 billion. Governor 10 (Lesetja Kganyago) has already unveiled a monetary and policy package. This will bring additional life into the whole financial system and will utilise the combined balance sheet of the country in a careful but appropriate way.

Partial contents:

A co-ordinated fiscal and monetary policy response - The components of the fiscal and monetary response – The phased re-opening of the economy."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-tito-mboweni-media-briefing-outline-economic-support-package-24-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Office of the Premier. Western Cape allocates funding towards JazzArt dance interns. 26 April 2020.

"Under the leadership of the Provincial Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz, the Department of Community Safety has allocated R690 960 towards the appointment of twenty JazzArt dance interns. This will ensure that they are employed and that their art is protected during the lockdown period. JazzArt is a social-creative collaboration between the Chrysalis Academy and the JazzArt Dance Theatre which started in 2016. It focusses on the development of dance and leadership skills, as well as community service through the Dance Leadership Programme. Please see video attached of JazzArt dancers performing, prior to the lockdown."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-allocates-funding-towards-jazzart-dance-interns-26-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Provincial Treasury. Western Cape Finance on Coronavirus COVID-19 risk adjusted strategy. 27 April 2020.

“In the last 48 hours our teams have worked around the clock to engage with economic stakeholders across the Western Cape to ensure that the many voices of business are heard as part of national government’s consultation on the proposed Covid-19 Risk Adjusted Strategy. While we continue to support the nation-wide lockdown to stop the spread of Covid-19, it is also critical, that where we can get people back to work, we do so as soon as possible to ensure that livelihoods are maintained, and that we can start to rebuild our economy. So, we welcome and appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the Schedule of Services as part of the Covid-19 Risk Adjusted Strategy. In response we have directly engaged with 445 economic stakeholders, across business and industry in the Western Cape, and we have received over 40 submissions which we have forwarded on to the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA).”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-finance-coronavirus-covid-19-risk-adjusted-strategy-27-apr-2020-0000>

Media Statement

SA Government News Agency. SACCI welcomes government’s COVID-19 efforts.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“The South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI) on Friday welcomed government efforts to find the right balance of mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and the need to get the economy going again. “SACCI welcomes President Ramaphosa’s approach in finding a balance between the continuous mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need to look at and consider a phased, risk-adjusted programme of re-entry into the economy,” said the chamber. Its comments come following President Ramaphosa’s televised address to the nation on Thursday night. In his address, the President said from 1 May, government will implement a risk-adjusted strategy aimed at easing the current lockdown restrictions. The decision was taken during a National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC) meeting on Thursday.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sacci-welcomes-government%E2%80%99s-covid-19-efforts>

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LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS

Draft Framework

Draft Framework for Consultation on COVID-19 Risk Adjusted Strategy document: schedule of services: framework for sectors, 25 April 2020.

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-25-Permitted-goods-services-and-movement-Public-Comments-Version-1.pdf>

Media Releases

Department of Cooperative Governance. Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma: Media briefing on risk-based model to address the spread of the Coronavirus. 25 April 2020.

“As announced by the President on Thursday, we are currently at level four, we will therefore elaborate on the added measures easing of lockdown we will put in place. We are still under a lockdown. It is the actions we undertake now which will determine whether we remain on four or regress back to Level 5, under stricter measures. We will therefore have to maintain some strict health measures which we should observe in both public spaces and the workplace... In this risk adjusted approach seeks to set us on that winning path. Never before have we practically seen that the health of one individual is intrinsically linked to the health of another person as well as the community, nation and indeed the world. Our individual health and wellbeing depend on the actions of others. We must therefore act responsibly, or else our individual action can lead to the death of others or generations.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nkosazana-dlamimedia-briefing-risk-based-model-address-spread-coronavirus-25-apr>

Government Communication and Information System (GCIS). Request for comments: Schedule of services to be phased in as per the COVID-19 risk adjusted strategy. 25 April 2020.

“Government has today put in the public domain a draft framework for the Risk-Adjusted Strategy to bring different sectors of the economy under Level Four of the Lockdown back to work as announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa. In undertaking the Risk Adjusted Strategy, the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC) and the Ministerial Advisory Committee on COVID-19 intends to sequence and phased in key sectors and priority areas with a view to deepening the fight against COVID-19 whilst simultaneously rebuilding our economy. In this regard, sectors and business organisations / trade unions and members of the public are invited to submit comments on the schedule of services to be phased in as per the Covid-19 Risk Adjusted Strategy to be implemented with effect from 01 May 2020. The draft framework can be accessed on: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/covid-19-risk-adjusted-strategy/> and https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202004/goods-services-movement-1.pdf.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/request-comments-schedule-services-be-phased-covid-19-risk-adjusted-strategy-25-apr-2020>

KwaZulu-Natal Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs. MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube: More arrests - protecting our economy against criminal syndicates. 26 April 2020.

"We continue to clear the backlog of complaints received by both Business Regulations and Consumer Protection units in the department. Few hours ago, a manager of CNA, a book hub and stationery shop located at La Lucia Mall in Durban was arrested for violating lockdown regulations. Today and yesterday, a collaborative effort involving our inspectors and law enforcement agencies resulted in the arrest of two undocumented nationals. The two were arrested for operating a Barber Shop (Saloon) and selling expired food products in Umhlanga and central Durban District respectively. Our main concern is the health of innocent members of the public and children who have been consuming some of the expired food products such as chocolates and chips. It should be remembered that last week, law enforcement agencies and our inspectors seized counterfeit condoms and medication such as Grandpa. We wish to warn all unscrupulous criminal syndicates that we have found a winning formula that will deal a permanent blow on any form of crime that is crippling our economy."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-nomusa-dube-ncube-more-arrests-protecting-our-economy-against-criminal-syndicates-26>

Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism calls for public comment on "Schedule of Services". 26 April 2020.

"Yesterday (25 April 2020), the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel, released a [draft framework](#) setting out the services that will be permitted to operate in key economic sectors under the new risk-adjusted approach to the Covid-19 lockdown, and which will be implemented with Level 4 from 1 May 2020 across South Africa. We want to ensure that where businesses in the Western Cape are able to operate safely they are able to do so, and so we will be requesting the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel, to convene an immediate meeting of the Ministers and Members of Executive Councils (MinMEC) to discuss the implementation of the risk-adjusted approach to the lockdown and the proposed "Level 4" restrictions in the provinces."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-economic-development-and-tourism-calls-public-comment-schedule-services-26-apr>

Media Statements

SA Government News Agency. Cele apologises to Muslim community.

2020 Apr 26 SA News

"Police Minister Bheki Cele has issued an apology to the Muslim community for blasphemous remarks made by an officer during the arrest of worshippers at a Mosque on Saturday. The video of the arrest, where a police officer can be heard making the remarks during the arrest in Masibekela, Mpumalanga, has been doing the rounds on social media. Police had initially said the arrest was made in Pretoria. The group of worshippers was arrested for contravening the COVID-19 Disaster Management Lockdown Regulations, which prohibit gatherings, including religious assembly."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/cele-apologises-muslim-community>

SA Government News Agency. Congregants urged to stay at home.

2020 Apr 26 SA News

"Police Minister Bheki Cele has urged religious leaders and congregants to stay at home as the country continues to observe the COVID-19 lockdown. The Minister's comments follow a video clip that surfaced on Twitter depicting the arrest of 17 congregants, who had allegedly gathered for prayer in Pretoria West on Friday. The Ministry in a statement said the congregants were in direct violation of the COVID-19 Disaster Management Lockdown Regulations."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/congregants-urged-stay-home>

Regulations Summary

Saxby, Pam. COVID-19 State of Disaster & Lockdown Regulations: A summary. 15 April 2020.

This blog unpacks the State of Disaster regulations and lockdown directives, focusing on the ones most likely to affect you, family, friends and the business or non-profit organisation you work for.

https://pmg.org.za/blog/COVID-19%20State%20of%20Disaster%20&%20Lockdown%20Regulations:%20A%20summary?utm_source=transactional&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ministry--media-briefing

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MEDICAL LAW

Media Release

The Presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomes Cuban health professionals to support efforts to curb spread of Coronavirus COVID-19. 27 April 2020.

"President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomes Cuban health professionals to support efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 in South Africa. 217 Cuban health specialists and workers have arrived in South Africa today, Monday, 27 April 2020 to assist with the fight to curb the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic. Their arrival follows a request made by HE

President Cyril Ramaphosa to HE President Díaz Canel Bermúdez of Cuba. The experts will support efforts being made in South Africa to contain the spread of COVID 19.

The group consists of the following:

- Experts in the fields of epidemiology, biostatistics, and public health;
- Family physicians to guide interventions through door-to-door testing and to assist local health workers in health promotion and disease surveillance at the community level;
- Healthcare technology engineers to assist in maintaining the inventory, deployment and repair of aged medical equipment; and
- Experts to provide technical assistance working with local experts.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-welcomes-cuban-health-professionals-support-efforts-curb-spread>

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SA Government News Agency. President gives Gauteng thumbs-up for COVID-19 preparations.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“With the COVID-19 outbreak in South Africa projected to peak around August, Gauteng - the country’s epicentre with 1 252 cases to date - is leaving no stone unturned in its preparations to fight the scourge. On Friday, President Cyril Ramaphosa paid a visit to the sites identified as COVID-19 facilities in Gauteng. These include the quarantine facility at the Nasrec Expo Centre, the Johannesburg Central Food Bank and Charlotte Maxeke Academic Hospital. The President expressed confidence in the province’s efforts to ramp up its hospital bed capacity, screening efforts and measures to mitigate the socio-economic blow of the virus on the most vulnerable.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/president-gives-gauteng-thumbs-covid-19-preparations>

SA Government News Agency. WHO: Maintain immunisation services during COVID-19.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“With several countries across the globe consumed with combatting the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has called on countries to maintain immunisation services to prevent other deadly outbreaks. WHO warns that shutting down immunisation services in the COVID-19 pandemic risks triggering a resurgence of diseases that can be prevented with safe and effective vaccines. The warning comes as 24 - 30 April marks World Immunisation Week. “Disease outbreaks must not remain a threat when we have safe and effective vaccines to protect us. While the world strives to develop a new vaccine for COVID-19 at record speed, we must not risk losing the fight to protect everyone, everywhere against vaccine-preventable diseases.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/who-maintain-immunisation-services-during-covid-19>

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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

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SA Government News Agency. Minister distributes food parcels.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Barbara Creecy today led a South African National Parks (SANParks) initiative to distribute food parcels and water tanks to vulnerable communities bordering the Kruger National Park, both in Mpumalanga and in Limpopo. “Because of the national COVID-19 lockdown, tourism, which is the main source of income for these communities, has dried up. This has affected the well-being of the families reliant on tourism for an income. That is why we decided to try and make their lives a little easier in these trying times,” said Creecy on Friday. Most national parks, if not all, are situated in rural areas affected by poverty, unemployment and a range of other socio- economic problems. The communities rely on the national parks for their survival, either through jobs, or business opportunities.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/minister-distributes-food-parcels>

SA Government News Agency. North West food parcel donations continue.

2020 Apr 24 SA News

“The Mafikeng Chinese Business Association has donated 200 food parcels and 5 000 disposable face masks to the North West provincial government. Premier Job Mokgoro, together with the Social Development MEC, Boitumelo Moiloa, received the parcels on Thursday. The donations follow President Cyril Ramaphosa’s call on all sectors of society to join hands in fighting the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the most vulnerable. The parcels will be given to households in need around the province.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/north-west-food-parcel-donations-continue>

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Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology. Minister Blade Nzimande releases the outcome of Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) second part of the public perception survey on the impact of the Coronavirus on South Africans, 26 Apr. 25 April 2020.

“The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, will release the outcome of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) second part of the public perception survey on the impact of the coronavirus on South Africans. This follows the first survey conducted from Friday 27 March – Tuesday 31 March during which the Council looked at how South Africans feel about the survey, what they understand, know and how they are reacting to the COVID-19 Emergency. The second wave of the survey which was conducted from Tuesday 7 April 2020 – Tuesday 14 April 2020 looked specifically at the lockdown as implemented from the 27th March to the 16th April.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-blade-nzimande-releases-outcome-%C2%A0human-sciences-research-council-hsrc-second-part>

Department of Higher Education and Training. Minister Blade Nzimande: Public perception survey on impact of Coronavirus COVID-19 on South Africans. 26 April 2020.

“The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology Dr Blade Nzimande today announced the results of the survey conducted by the Human Sciences Research Council of the impact and awareness of the coronavirus amongst South Africans that is currently sweeping across the world, including the country. The survey comes amidst the unprecedented spread of the virus across the world which necessitated that South Africa implement a lock down from 27 March to 30 April to impede the spread of the virus and the rates of infection. The survey was conducted in two waves. The first, conducted from 27-31 March looked primarily at awareness levels and knowledge about the virus. The second, conducted from 9 April – 16 April, looked primarily at the impact of the lockdown on South Africa.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-blade-nzimande-public-perception-survey-impact-coronavirus-covid-19-south-africans>

Department of Science and Technology. Minister Blade Nzimande: Outcome of HSRC second survey and measures implemented by Department of Science and Innovation in response to Covid-19. 26 April 2020.

“We commenced with this second wave of the survey from Tuesday the 7th April 2020 – Tuesday 14 April 2020 and looked specifically at the lockdown implemented from 27 March to 16 April. The survey was conducted on the social media platform Moya Messaging which was accessed data free. The survey looked at some of the following issues: What type of community the respondent lives in; Access to services for drinking and sanitation; Knowledge about the coronavirus including preventive measures, primary concerns about the virus, does a lockdown help to prevent the spread of the virus; Perceptions about personal risk in relation to contracting the virus; Travel, movement and adherence to social distancing guidelines; Access to food during the lockdown; Testing for COVID-19 and Coronavirus; The socio-economic impact of the lockdown on the respondent and his/her household; Whether the respondent was subjected to gender-based violence during the lockdown; and Activities undertaken by the respondent during the lockdown.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-blade-nzimande-outcome-hsrc-second-survey-and-measures-implemented-department>

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Draft Framework

Draft Framework for Consultation on COVID-19 Risk Adjusted Strategy document: schedule of services: framework for sectors, 25 April 2020.

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-25-Permitted-goods-services-and-movement-Public-Comments-Version-1.pdf>

Media Releases

Government Communication and Information System (GCIS). Request for comments: Schedule of services to be phased in as per the COVID-19 risk adjusted strategy. 25 April 2020.

“Government has today put in the public domain a draft framework for the Risk-Adjusted Strategy to bring different sectors of the economy under Level Four of the Lockdown back to work as announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa. In undertaking the Risk Adjusted Strategy, the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC) and the Ministerial Advisory Committee on COVID-19 intends to sequence and phased in key sectors and priority areas with a view to deepening the fight against COVID-19 whilst simultaneously rebuilding our economy. In this regard, sectors and business organisations / trade unions and members of the public are invited to submit comments on the schedule of services to be phased in as per the Covid-19 Risk Adjusted Strategy to be implemented with effect from 01 May 2020. The draft framework can be accessed on: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/covid-19-risk-adjusted-strategy/> and https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202004/goods-services-movement-1.pdf.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/request-comments-schedule-services-be-phased-covid-19-risk-adjusted-strategy-25-apr-2020>

Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism calls for public comment on "Schedule of Services". 26 April 2020.

"Yesterday (25 April 2020), the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel, released [a draft framework](#) setting out the services that will be permitted to operate in key economic sectors under the new risk-adjusted approach to the Covid-19 lockdown, and which will be implemented with Level 4 from 1 May 2020 across South Africa. We want to ensure that where businesses in the Western Cape are able to operate safely they are able to do so, and so we will be requesting the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel, to convene an immediate meeting of the Ministers and Members of Executive Councils (MinMEC) to discuss the implementation of the risk-adjusted approach to the lockdown and the proposed "Level 4" restrictions in the provinces."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-economic-development-and-tourism-calls-public-comment-schedule-services-26-apr>

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SA Government News Agency. Support local business in fight against COVID-19.

2020 Apr 25 SA News

"A call has been made to South Africans to support locally made products as part of efforts to jump-start the economy in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. South Africa is preparing to move to level 4 of a nationwide lockdown aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19 which has gripped the entire world. Speaking at a media briefing detailing how the country intends to move from the current level 5 lockdown which is expected to end at the end of April, Trade, Industry and Competition Minister Ebrahim Patel made the call to citizens to buy local. "When we as South Africans go back to the shops, and we buy locally made goods, we bring demand back into our economy and we help the economy to slowly recover," said the Minister at Saturday's virtual briefing."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/support-local-business-fight-against-covid-19>

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TRANSPORTATION

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SA Government News Agency. Denel employees return safely from Spain.

2020 Apr 25 SA News

"Four Denel employees, who have been working on a project based in Seville, Spain, have safely returned to South Africa. Denel spokesperson Pam Malinda said the four employees landed on Saturday morning on board SA Airways aircraft, SA2261, as part of a group of South Africans repatriated from Europe on Friday. Malinda said the employees were contracted by Denel Aeronautics at the Airbus assembly plant in Seville, Spain, when the outbreak of the pandemic occurred. Denel Aeronautics had a contract with Airbus to deliver critical parts of the A400M airlifter. The parts are manufactured at the Denel Aeronautics campus in Kempton Park and then shipped to Seville for final assembly. "Spain is one of the countries in Europe that has been hardest hit by the virus [COVID-19] and the four could not immediately return because of the stringent travel restrictions imposed by both countries."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/denel-employees-return-safely-spain>

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WATER & SANITATION

Media Releases

Department of Water and Sanitation. Minister Lindiwe Sisulu visits Water and Sanitation COVID-19 Command Centre and Vaal River Intervention Project, 27 Apr. 26 April 2020.

"Members of the media are informed that the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation will on Monday 27th April pay working visits to both the Water and Sanitation COVID-19 Command Centre at Rand Water and the Vaal River Intervention Project in Emfuleni. Minister Sisulu will receive first-hand updates on the latest state of water tanks and tankers distribution as well as the latest state of progress on the Vaal River Intervention. Both programmes are critical for the well-being of the livelihoods of South Africans and the sustenance of the country's economy. Minister Sisulu will be joined by senior Municipal in the Vaal as well as at the Command Centre."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-lindiwe-sisulu-water-and-sanitation-covid-19-command-centre-and-vaal-river>

Department of Water and Sanitation. Water and Sanitation fast track water supply to Madibeng Local Municipality during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 24 April 2020.

"Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr. David Mahlobo (MP) has instructed the Department's North West Regional Office to increase its support to Madibeng Local Municipality to fast track the refurbishment of Brits Water Treatment Works. He said this during his follow up visit to the area on Friday, 24 April 2020, to assess progress made to date following his last visit to Brits late in March. Deputy Minister Mahlobo's visit followed up tip offs that he received

by alleged poor water quality being supplied to Madibeng community due to Brits Water Treatment Works' inability to work optimally. The capacity of the Brits Water Treatment Works (WTW) is currently being upgraded from 60 to 80 megaliters per day and Magalies Water is the appointed implementing agent."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation-fast-track-water-supply-madibeng-local-municipality-during-coronavirus>

Department of Water and Sanitation. Water and Sanitation delivers additional 141 water tanks to slow tide of Coronavirus COVID-19 in Gauteng. 27 April 2020.

"A further 141 water tanks have been rollout by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) across needy areas of Gauteng to push back against the rising tide of the novel coronavirus pandemic. So far, 1 926 water tanks have been distributed in the Cities of Joburg, Tshwane and Ekurhuleni and the Sedibeng and West Rand District Municipalities. Until recently, Gauteng was the centrepiece of the virus before the Western Cape saw a spike in the number of cases related to the virus."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation-delivers-additional-141-water-tanks-slow-tide-coronavirus-covid-19>

Department of Water and Sanitation. Water and Sanitation monitors water tank installations during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 26 April 2020.

"Following recent media reports depicting photos of six water tanks at a private residence of Ingquza Hill Local Municipality councilor, the Department of Water and Sanitation has received a report from OR Tambo District Municipality. OR Tambo District Municipality has reported that four of the six tanks have already been installed and the remaining two are waiting to be installed. These water tanks were procured and delivered by OR Tambo District Municipality and the Department is satisfied that the tanks are servicing the intended beneficiaries in line with Minister Lindiwe Sisulu's directive. Furthermore, the municipality undertook to do an audit and investigate where necessary."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation-monitors-water-tank-installations-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown>

Department of Water and Sanitation. Water and Sanitation on distributed water tanks benefiting City of Tshwane residents. 27 April 2020.

"The City of Tshwane (CoT) has seen an increase in the number of water tanks distributed by the Department of Water and Sanitation, raising the total to 466 in an attempt to bolster government's reaction against the escalating incidents of coronavirus infections. The outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic comes as the City of Tshwane is facing extensive water pollution challenges. Hammanskraal in the north of the City is one of the areas struggling with water quality as a result of water treatment works not operating optimally. In response to the chronic water challenges in densely-populated areas and those still under the crippling drought, the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu, instructed her department to implement decisive intervention measures to ameliorate the plight of vulnerable communities."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation-distributed-water-tanks-benefiting-city-tshwane-residents-27-apr-2020>

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