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CONFIRMED CASES

Media Releases

North West Health. MEC Madoda Sambatha visits Sibanye Stillwater Thembalani Shaft to monitor Coronavirus Covid-19 workplace lockdown regulations, 28 May. 28 May 2020.

“MEC Madoda Sambatha will today at 14h00 visit Sibanye Stillwater Thembalani Shaft (Bleskop, old Rustenburg road) to monitor compliance with workplace lockdown regulations. A total of 51 mine workers yesterday tested positive for COVID-19 taking number of confirmed cases to 53 at Sibanye. MEC Sambatha will meet with mine management to discuss way forward and case management. There are now 71 mine related confirmed cases in Bojanala. Ten cases have been confirmed at Royal Bafokeng Platinum Mine (Rasimone), six at Impala Platinum and two at Lonmin.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-sambatha-visit-sibanye-stillwater-after-51-miners-test-positive-covid-19-28-may-2020>

Western Cape. Update on the coronavirus by Premier Alan Winde - 28 May 2020.

“As of 1pm on 28 May, the Western Cape has 7 726 active cases of Covid-19, with a total of 17 286 confirmed cases and 9 157 recoveries

Total confirmed Covid-19 cases :17286

Total recoveries: 9157

Total deaths: 403

Total active cases (currently infected patients): 7726

Total number of tests: 136 597

Hospital admissions: 718 of which 157 are in ICU or high care”

<https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/news/update-coronavirus-premier-alan-winde-28-may>

Media Statement

SA Government News Agency. COVID-19 cases rise to 25 937, while WC records highest deaths.

2020 May 28 SA News

“COVID-19 cases have increased by 1 673 in the last 24 hours, bringing the total number of infections to 25 937 in the country. Meanwhile, the national death toll has risen to 552 after 28 more people succumbed to COVID-19 related illness, the Health Minister, Dr Zweli Mkhize, said in a statement on Wednesday. “We wish to express our condolences to the loved ones of the deceased and thank the health workers who treated these patients,” he said. The Western Cape remains the epicentre, with 391 deaths, followed by the Eastern with 70, KwaZulu-Natal 49 and Gauteng 31. The Free States has six deaths, Limpopo has three, while North West and Northern Cape each have one. Mpumalanga is the only province that reported zero deaths. “The recoveries to date are 13 451, which translates to a recovery rate of 52%,” Mkhize said.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/covid-19-cases-rise-25-937-while-wc-records-highest-deaths>

Reports

National Institute for Communicable Diseases. COVID-19 update. 29 May 2020.

<https://www.nicd.ac.za/covid-19-update-70/>

National Institute for Communicable Diseases. Covid-19 Daily Report: 28 May 2020.

<https://www.nicd.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID19-Daily-Report-National-Public-28May2020.pdf>

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COURTS

Media Comment

Broughton, Tania. Covid-19: Some judges refuse to use their own computers during lockdown.

2020 May 28 Groundup

“Justice in lockdown is being hampered because some judges, who earn almost R2 million a year, refuse to use their personal computers for “virtual hearings”.

This has emerged in a letter written by the Chair of the General Council of the Bar, Advocate Craig Watt-Pringle, to Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng and judge presidents in which he cites several issues in getting access to high courts.”

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/covid-19-some-judges-refuse-use-their-personal-computers-hearings-during-lockdown/>

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EDUCATION

Media Statement

SA Government News Agency. DBE Minister assesses readiness for school reopening

2020 May 28 SA News

“Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga says while most schools are ready for the reopening of schools to grade 7 and 12 learners - her department will not allow schools to reopen if the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) is not available. The country’s schools were prematurely shut on Wednesday, 26 March 2020, a day before government implemented a nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the Coronavirus. With the country moving to alert level 3 of the nationwide lockdown, schools were directed to reopen following a decision taken by the National Coronavirus Command Council that the doors to learning reopen in a phased approach and under strict health conditions from the 1 June 2020 starting with grades 7 and 12.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/dbe-minister-assesses-readiness-school-reopening>

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EMPLOYMENT LAW

Media Release

Department of Employment and Labour. Employment and Labour on capturing of May UIF Coronavirus COVID-19 TERS claims. 28 May 2020.

“The applications for Covid-19 TERS benefits claims for the month of May are now back online. This is after the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) suffered a hiccup of connectivity due to damaged fibre cable which meant that the claims could not be captured immediately. “As we promised the people of South Africa that we would work on the problem with all the commitment to ensure that the system does not disadvantage those who need to submit their claims, we have delivered.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/employment-and-labour-capturing-may-uif-coronavirus-covid-19-ters-claims-28-may-2020-0000>

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LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS

Government Gazettes

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

- Determination of Alert Levels and Hotspots: Amendment of regulations published in [RGN480 of 29 April 2020](#). GN608 GG 43364 p3 28May2020
http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43364_28-5_Cogta.pdf
- Directions issued in terms of Regulation 37(1)(a) of the Regulations issued in terms of the Act: Norms and standards for religious gatherings. GN609 GG 43365 p3 28May2020
http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43365_28-5_Cogta.pdf

Media Releases

Department of Cooperative Governance. Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma: Coronavirus Covid-19 Level 3 Lockdown Regulations. 28 May 2020.

“These next phases of our fight and Level 3 allows us to open up all the productive sectors of our economy, al be it to a moderate degree in some high-risk sectors. This risk level, thanks to the employ of the Risk Adjusted Strategy allows us to maintain the delicate balancing act between saving the lives and livelihoods of South Africans. It also requires greater responsibility and discipline from all us as citizens of this resilient nation. Consequently, at this alert level everyone who enters a work, public space and/or public transport must wear a cloth face mask or a homemade item that covers the nose and mouth. We must also ensure that all our public facilities have sanitisers and that all patrons are screened.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nkosazana-dlamini-zuma-coronavirus-covid-19-level-3-lockdown-regulations-28-may>

Western Cape Provincial Treasury. MEC David Maynier on implementing Hotspot Strategy to ensure safer workplaces amid Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic. 28 May 2020.

“In addition to the work already done to support businesses in the Western Cape since the start of the Covid-19 crisis, we will also do the following to slow the spread of Covid-19 in the workplace in hotspot areas:

- Provide businesses in hotspot areas, especially those that are high-risk, with health guidelines and materials that display information on safety measures in the workplace;

- Monitor the compliance of businesses in implementing safety measures in the hotspot areas through reporting mechanisms that allow the public to report non-compliance such as an online form;
- Assist businesses to access the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by connecting them with suppliers through our PPE marketplace, and
- Identify and resolve systemic issues making it a challenge for businesses to implement the necessary safety measures to stop the spread of Covid-19."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/hotspot-strategy-28-may-2020-0000>

Media Statement

SA Government News Agency. Cabinet welcomes outcomes of President's consultations.

2020 May 28 SA News

"Cabinet has welcomed the outcome of consultations undertaken by President Cyril Ramaphosa to ensure the country's support and inputs of all social partners, as it progresses from Level 4 to Level 3 of the national lockdown. Accompanied by various Ministers, President Ramaphosa had met with communities, including labour and business sectors, the South African Council of Churches, leadership of interfaith communities, mayors, Premiers, South African Local Government Association, traditional leadership and political parties represented in Parliament. "Cabinet welcomed the outcome of these consultations, which were broadly constructive and enriched planning for the gradual easing of restrictions to Level 3, which kicks in on 1 June 2020."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/cabinet-welcomes-outcomes-president%E2%80%99s-consultations>

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REFUGEES

Media Comment

Ellis, Estell. Court asked to extend Covid-19 grant to asylum seekers.

2020 May 28 Daily Maverick

"In court papers detailing the sheer desperation of more than a thousand people who phoned a legal hotline to beg for food, the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, an NGO advocating and assisting asylum seekers, migrants and refugees has asked the South Gauteng High Court in Johannesburg to compel government to extend the R350 Covid-19 social relief of distress grant to asylum seekers and special permit holders as well."

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-05-28-court-asked-to-extend-covid-19-grant-to-asylum-seekers/>

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REVENUE

Government Gazette

Division of Revenue Act 16 of 2019

Explanatory Memorandum to the Provincial Allocation set out in the Schedules:

- (a) Conversion of an allocation in respect of disaster response grant to provinces under the Act; and
- (b) the addition of allocation of converted allocation to a disaster response grant to municipalities.

GN600 GG 43358 p24 29May2020

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

Media Comment

Evans, Jenni. Collins Khosa inquiry ongoing, says defence minister

2020 May 28 News24

"Minister of Defence Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula on Thursday said the inquiry into the death of Collins Khosa is not complete and, as such, there can be no determination on whether he was murdered.

Earlier on Thursday, the legal team representing Khosa's family rejected an inquiry report by the SA National Defence Force (SANDF), which apparently cleared soldiers of causing Khosa's death..."The report by the SANDF is rubbish. We do not accept it, the evidence completely contradicts this report. It is ridiculous to say he died of some other cause," Wikus Steyl, of Ian Levitt Attorneys, told News24 on Thursday."

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Media Comment

Evans, Jenni. Hairdressers lose court bid to return to work during lockdown.

2020 May 28 News24

“An urgent court bid by financially distressed hairdressers to be allowed to go back to work was dismissed in the Western Cape High Court on Thursday.

Advocate Carlo Viljoen brought an application on behalf of hundreds of hairdressers who were wiped out financially due to the current ban on hairdressing under Level 4.”

<https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/hairdressers-lose-court-bid-to-return-to-work-during-lockdown-20200528>

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