

Circular 13 – 25 March 2020

21 DAY LOCKDOWN

It is a week since the president declared the coronavirus pandemic a national disaster and announced a package of extraordinary measures to combat this grave public health emergency. He noted that urgent action is required and that the next few days are crucial. Without decisive action, the number of people infected will rapidly increase from a few hundred to tens of thousands, and within a few weeks to hundreds of thousands. **It is with this in mind that the nation-wide lockdown will come into effect from midnight on Thursday 26 March until midnight on Thursday 16 April.**

In compliance with the national lockdown, Evergreen Bergvliet will be implementing the following measures:

ACCESS TO THE VILLAGE: The main gate will be closed and access will have to be approved by Village Management who will only accommodate emergencies.

SELF-QUARANTINE: All residents are requested to stay at home and self-quarantine – residents will be confined to the village. The lockdown will affect everyone. No one will be allowed to leave the village for the 21 days unless under strictly controlled circumstances, including seeking medical care, buying food, medicine or other supplies and collecting social grants, which needs to be declared at Security. We have a list of Evergreen volunteers who can assist residents with tasks/shopping. Details to follow.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Friends and family will not be allowed into the Village, even if they say they are just going to drop something off at your house and will simply leave it outside your gate. We will accept the item and deliver it to you. We will deny them access.

SOCIAL CONTACT: Residents are encouraged to stay at home and keep social contact to a minimum. If you do go out in the village for a walk, please keep your distance to 2m.

CLUBHOUSE CLOSED: The Clubhouse is officially closed to ALL residents. The bistro area is being used as a work station where deliveries are dropped off and where essential staff get screened. This also means that you will not be allowed to come to the clubhouse to use the Library, Gym or watch TV. The Bistro will not serve meals/refreshments in the clubhouse either.

FOOD DELIVERY: WPC and Holistic Family Centre are offering well-priced frozen meals, which will be delivered FREE of charge to the village. Notices have been sent out and more will follow.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES: Should you need to see the nurse or need to have your BP taken, you can call us and a nurse with proper protective gear will be sent to your house as soon as possible.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES: NO domestic workers/gardeners will be allowed access to the Village. Only essential workers will be allowed into the village.

REFUSE COLLECTION: We are not certain whether the City of Cape Town will continue to collect refuse. We shall endeavour to continue bin collection on Mondays, with our limited staff. We shall keep you updated should anything change.

It is business *UNUSUAL* and new measures will be implemented in the days to come. We shall keep you informed by circulars or on the newly created Whatsapp group. The committed Evergreen team remain on the frontline of this pandemic, trying to keep you safe. For further information about the imminent lockdown please use the following link:

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/2020/03/23/south-african-lockdown-guidelines-information/>

I would like to remind everyone that coronavirus is a pernicious strain that is highly contagious and if you do not adhere to the quarantine, you put not only yourself, but the entire village and your community at risk. I cannot stress sufficiently that every time you leave your home and become part of a crowd over the next 21 days you expose everyone in our village. Please take advantage of the free deliveries during lockdown and stay at home. Please feel free to call the office on Ext 300 if you need clarity or require any further information. It is a very stressful and uncertain time for us all and we will only succeed if we all work together.

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