

Circular 42-2020

20 August 2020

Dear Resident

COVID-19 - Moving to Level 2/ Older Persons Residential Facility - Section 58 (f)

Following the e-mail communication sent out earlier this week, the Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs published the Regulations under Level 2 of the National Lockdown declared in terms of the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002.

In terms of **Section 58** the said Regulations, visits by members of the public to older persons' facilities remain prohibited – see below extract in this regard:

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(3) An enforcement officer must, where a gathering in contravention of the regulations takes place—

- (a) order the persons at the gathering to disperse immediately; and
- (b) if the persons refuse to disperse, take appropriate action, which may, subject to the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977), include the arrest and detention of any person at the gathering.

Places and premises closed to the public

56. (1) Night clubs are closed to the public.

(2) The Cabinet member responsible for cooperative governance and traditional affairs may, by directions, determine a place or premises that must be closed, if there is a risk of any members of the public being exposed to COVID-19 at such a place or premises.

Prohibition of initiation practices

57. (1) For the duration of the national state of disaster—

- (a) male and female initiation practices are prohibited;
- (b) a person may not arrange or hold an initiation school or conduct an initiation practice;
- (c) a prospective initiate may not attend an initiation school;
- (d) an owner of land may not provide consent for the use of his or her land for the holding of an initiation school; and
- (e) a traditional surgeon or medical practitioner may not perform circumcision as part of an initiation practice.

(2) The National House of Traditional Leaders and provincial houses of traditional leaders must take steps to ensure that traditional leaders are aware of the content of this regulation.

Controlled visits by members of the public

58. All visits by members of the public to—

- (a) correctional centres;
 - (b) remand detention facilities;
 - (c) police holding cells;
 - (d) military detention facilities;
 - (e) health establishments and facilities, except to receive treatment or medication, subject to strict adherence to health protocols; and
 - (f) older persons' residential facilities,
- are prohibited except to the extent and in the manner directed by the relevant Cabinet member.

In view of the fact that our industry is heavily regulated and that Evergreen Lifestyle Villages fall under "Older persons' residential facility, 58 (f), we have to adhere and enforce the above noted Regulations.

Accordingly, all protocols as set out in earlier communication around visitors to the village will be revoked, effective immediately.

Compassionate visitations by a member of the public will be considered, please discuss with the Village Manager to make these arrangements.

We apologise for any confusion caused and trust that you will be guided accordingly.

Please call me on **002, or reception on Ext 300/3200 should you require any additional information.

Warm Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Dempers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "D".

Christine Dempers
Village Manager – Bergvliet