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Dear Resident,

COVID-19 RESURGENCE IN THE WESTERN CAPE

The Western Cape Government is deeply concerned about the growing number of Covid-19 infections and hospitalisations in the province, which can now be considered as an established resurgence. Over the last week alone, the province has witnessed a 52.1% jump in new cases, with an established pattern over time.

This growth is primarily driven by two districts in the Western Cape: the Garden Route and the Cape Metro. A hotspot alert for the Garden Route, following an alarming growth of cases in the area, has been issued. The City of Cape Town is following a similar trajectory to this region and looks to be about 10-14 days behind. We are therefore also issuing a hotspot alert for the Metro.

In his daily digital briefing yesterday, Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, stated that “we need every person in the Western Cape to help prevent a Lockdown and to ensure that there are enough empty beds in our hospitals for those who need them. We must be under no illusion as to how serious the situation is, and how quickly it can deteriorate,” he said.

He stated that “the province cannot afford another lockdown as is being witnessed in many European countries right now. The economy simply cannot afford it. It would kill jobs and cause our humanitarian disaster to worsen. This will also cost lives in the future. We have to do everything possible to bring the situation under control through our own actions”. The virus has not gone, but will be with us over the Christmas season, annual holidays and beyond.

Therefore, we need to remain safe and protect each other by:

- wearing a mask properly (this is of life-saving importance). Please wear your masks at all times when outside of your homes - there can be no exceptions;
- avoiding crowded and confined spaces at all costs - this is where “super-spreader” events take place; urgently reconsidering hosting all non-essential gatherings of people this year;
- ensuring there is good ventilation at all times whenever you’re in public. The virus droplets spread by air in confined spaces – thus, the fresher the better; and
- washing your hands regularly with soap and water and using a sanitiser.

If you suspect that you have coronavirus symptoms, please call the clinic or reception for assistance – please do not come to the clubhouse. It is vital that you report to Village Management as soon as you are not feeling well and that you isolate and do not socialise with other residents. We have strict protocols in place to deal with these matters, but can only apply them to ensure the safety of all residents, if we are alerted timeously.

Every single resident should assume that Covid-19 is everywhere they go and take all the necessary precautions at every point along their journey.



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