

**Circular 020-2020**

**17 March 2020**

Dear Residents,

We have received a number of questions and queries from concerned resident and thought it useful to answer these questions in order to ensure the message throughout the Village is the same.

1. **Is it safe to use the pool?** Yes, the corona virus will be killed by the chlorine in the pool and you don't have to worry about this being a threat. Having said this, you are encouraged to not use the pool in groups and if there is someone else in the pool or around the pool to keep your distance and still sanitize etc.
2. **If we are not allowed to play bridge / pool / scrabble in the Lifestyle Center, is it ok if we go out to other villages or clubs and participate in similar activities there?** The simple answer is "No" it defies the purpose of social distancing and then just exposes you to all the potential carriers in other Villages or Clubs. Which is the exact reason we stopped this socializing in the Life style Centre and in the Village in the first place.
3. **Is it safe to use the gym?** Yes, we sanitise the equipment daily and ask you to practice good hygiene if you insist on using the gym. But ultimately, we would rather you don't.
4. **Are we allowed to go out shopping? Apparently Pick n Pay Supermarkets will be opening every Wednesday starting 18 March 2020 exclusively for customers aged 65+ from 07:00 – 08:00.** We cannot prevent you from going out shopping but would suggest you try to limit this as far as possible. Limit your exposure to others as much as you can. To this effect Spar Broadacres has a delivery service that you can use to order groceries and they will deliver. If you do want to go to the shops yourself, we ask that you be as careful as possible and try and avoid contact as much as possible. Santise your hands and don't shake anyone's hand. Having all aged 65+ shop in the same place in a short time period is putting all the most vulnerable people in the same place at the same time – not a good idea! Stay away.
5. **Can my dog /cat get the Corona virus?** there is no evidence that a dog, cat or any pet can transmit COVID-19. COVID-19 is mainly spread through droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. So, no need to put Fido outside, he can keep cuddling up on the bed and keep you company while you hibernate.

Trust this helps answer some concerns you might have had. Please stay safe! And if you start developing Cabin Fever, feel free to give us a call. We love chatting to you all and hearing how you are doing.

Warm regards



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