

## BROADACRES VILLAGE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE



### COMMUNIQUE - 196

#### COVID 19: A WAY FORWARD

14 May, 2020.

*Dear residents,*

*Shortly after this village opened your ResCom decided on this motto for the village:*

***‘Together let’s make this the village of our dreams.’***

*Now, more than ever is the time for us to be ‘Together’ – together for each other and together with management!*

*I am frequently approached by residents who ask ‘What right has ELV got to require us to ask permission to leave the village when the national regulations allow us free exits from our homes to visit shops and for medical needs?’ It doesn’t have any legal right, but it does have the responsibility to keep COVID 19 out of its villages where many have compromised immune systems and all are in the vulnerable age group. This is the most important reason for us to be ‘Together’!*

*None-the-less, some of you are unhappy about the need to ask permission to exit the village so your ResCom has engaged with management and there is some relief.*

*From now on you are allowed to have one free exit per week, provided that exit is in terms of the national lockdown regulations. All you need to do is to inform the Duty Manager that you want to leave the village and the reason. That reason can of course only be any reason allowed in terms of whichever national level of restrictions is in place at the time! The Duty Manager will record the reason and inform security who will, as always record your time of exit and return.*

*Should a second or more exits per week be required, you will be referred to the village manager for approval.*

*Yes, some may argue, that is still a restriction of your rights. Yes, they are, but*

management has persuaded us that this is where its responsibility to keep COVID 19 out of the village is paramount. Fundamental to all the lockdown regulations has been this one simple slogan:

**Stay at home!**

In all Evergreen villages this slogan has been modified to be:

**Stay at home and in the village!**

Why? **Because it's the safest place to be!**

Ask yourself: **where are the risks?** The simple answer is that they are all outside of the village. The daily rate of infection is growing, and as more people return to work in terms of the L4, and later L3, L2 and finally L1 restrictions, the more rapidly the number of infections out there will grow. So, every day the risks out there are getting more numerous.

Local shops, chemists and some restaurants offer online shopping and delivery services that meet most of our requirements. Where a pharmacy doesn't offer a delivery service, management offers a collection service, provided that is organised and planned well in advance. You are allowed out for medical reasons so what other reasons can there be for wanting to exit the village more than once a week?

Exiting the village is the easy part. More difficult is the need to make sure you don't inadvertently bring the virus back into the village. ELV's present requirement is that you **self-isolate for 2 weeks after any exit**. Management has agreed to another safeguard, namely: **thorough sanitization in your home on return to the village** and for the next 2 weeks to be even more careful about practicing safe social distancing. The exact definitions for 'self-isolation' and 'thorough sanitization' will follow in a later communiqué.

A further control, reporting to reception to have your temperature recorded daily for 5 days after your return, and every two weeks all the time was also suggested. But management is concerned that reception will not be able to cope and has instead suggested that on return from an exit, you take and record your own temperature at home daily for 5 days, and that you do so weekly even if you haven't been out. If you notice your temperature increasing, immediately report this to management.

All the residents who have complained to me have made the point that they are responsible residents. Your ResCom and management accept that and now is the time to demonstrate it. It is impossible to 'Police' you so it is entirely up to you to show that you are indeed a responsible citizen and resident. Together your fellow residents and management depend on that!

If you have any concerns about these changed ELV regulations feel free to write to me and Wilma. If you don't have access to e-mails, call one of us. Our e-mail

*addresses and internal extension numbers appear below.*

*As I said at the outset TOGETHER is a word central to our village community and TOGETHER, we face this awful virus. TOGETHER we are dependent on one another. We are only as strong as the weakest link in our chain.*

*Yours in our collective interests,*

*Hennie du Preez,  
Chairman of ResCom.*

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