

Circular: 057

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Dear Resident,

I would like to thank each and every one for all the sacrifices and commitment over the past 3 months to ensure the health and safety of all the residents and staff in our Village.

With the infection rate in the country reaching 100 000 on Monday and 6000 infection in one day yesterday, we are certainly heading for the peak soon. The fact that there is now a rapid spread of the virus is unarguable, hospitals are filling up, ICU beds are running out and the death toll is increasing. The list of Villages around us that report infections is growing by the day. This virus is certainly on our door step and we have to now be absolutely disciplined and focused in our protocols to try and keep this virus out of our Village.

I realise that while life is slowly starting to return to normal for most of the county, you were hoping for the relaxation of some of the protocols that we have implemented to try and avoid getting this virus. Unfortunately, we have seen the return to work and opening up of the economy has resulted in the high infection rates. We as a vulnerable community can thus not now take our eye off the ball or relax our focus. Our area has been identified as a hotspot in Gauteng along with the likes of Diepsloot and Cosmo city, Soweto and Alexandra. Fourways is on the list of top 20 hotspots in Gauteng. Which means that it is everywhere and every person going out needs to be extra careful. Every person getting into public transport is at an extreme risk of contracting the virus and bringing it into our Village.

We realise that by now a lot of us are suffering from "Covid Fatigue". Please assist each other and help encourage each other as we give our efforts another big push towards keeping safe.

It is a difficult balancing act. And it is going to take a very long time for life to get back to normal. It is probably going to be a "long and winding road".

Try and stick to the simple non pharmaceutical interventions: Social distancing; hand washing regularly; wearing a face mask; cleaning surfaces often; being careful to sticking to household units only. Do not expose yourself to strangers or large groups of people. Avoid close contact with people who are sick, cough or sneeze into a flexed elbow or tissue, and then throw the tissue away in the bin.

Please stay healthy and know that we are here for you if you need anything.

Even if you just need to talk to someone, we have a councillor hotline that you can call where your conversations remain confidential. Thank you again for all your sacrifices and support during this difficult time.

We all look forward to the time when we can all socialise again.

Your ever-caring Village Manager



**Wilma Swart**  
Village Manager