

Circular: 070

17 August 2020

LOCKDOWN LEVEL 2 AND WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

Dear Residents,

I am sure you were all very excited to hear the President announce level 2 of Lockdown. I would like to thank each and every one who has been so patient and assisted us to stay safe during these difficult times. As we attempt to get back to some level of normality It is important for us to realise that we are probably about 6 weeks behind Cape Town when it comes to infection rates and easing of restrictions. Gauteng is still in its peak period where Cape Town is in a strong downwards trend. Thus, it is important for us to still be extremely cautious as we only suspect to be over our peak towards September.

With level 2 we will be allowing **visitors** to come in and visit residents at home. In order to comply with regulations all visitors will have to be screened at Security and have temperatures recorded as well as be sanitized and provide contact details. This is to ensure we have accurate traceability in the event of infections. We strongly recommend that visitors keep masks on at all times and that even in your homes you stick to the 2-meter distancing protocol.

We will allow domestic workers and gardeners back into the Village. Residents who have their own domestic workers will be required to ensure that their domestic workers have masks and are educated around sanitizing and keeping a social distance. Please ensure you have a separate wash up area and a separate towel for your domestic worker and that your domestic worker takes tea breaks and lunch breaks away from you. Eating and drinking will mean that they need to take their masks off and this is the most dangerous time for both of you. We will be circulating a one pages document that can be issued to domestic workers to educate them on safe Covid19 practises to be followed. Please ensure your domestic has masks and you have sanitizer available for use. We are all glad to see our domestic workers after 4 months of being apart. But please refrain from hugging or close contact.

Our Village **domestic workers** will be back and available to be booked from tomorrow. Please contact reception and book them as required.

We are aiming at getting our **FSG gardeners** back from the 1st of September 2020. They will start in their first week with catching up on maintenance on our side walks and our wetland. In week two they will start with houses as usual. Please keep your distance from the gardeners to protect both yourself and them. Ensure you are wearing a mask when engaging with them.

We will be opening the **library** from 18 August 2020. You will have to call down to reception and book a slot at the library so that we ensure there are not more than 2 people in the library at any given time. Strict sanitisation and screening protocols will need to be complied with.

The Gym will be opening from tomorrow as well. We will allow 2 people at a time only into the gym. You will need to book your slot for the gym with reception in order for us to ensure there are not more than two people in the gym at a time and to ensure we sanitise regularly between sessions. Masks will be compulsory at all times. Line dancing will resume in the gym this Friday from 09:00 – 11:00. Use of the **swimming pool** will however still remain restricted for now.

We would like to open up the **Pool tables** in the club house as well. Entry into this area will have to happen via the patio doors. We will barricade the pool tables in with bistro tables to restrict access to the pool area only. Residents entering into this area will have to wear masks and sanitise upon entry. A register will need to be completed in order for us to keep record and assist with traceability in the event of infection.

The Bistro will however remain closed at this time.

We will allow the **knitter and natter** ladies to use the clubhouse lounge again for meetings. Please book accordingly. **Bridge** players can also start booking this space should they want to play bridge. This includes the **scrabble club**. Please book so that we ensure we don't have more than one group in at a time and that we have enough time to sanitise between gatherings.

We will start allowing closest relative visits to **frail care** residents. These visits will also have to be scheduled with Frail care reception, as they will take place in the lobby area outside frail care and there is only one station that can be used at a time.

These changes bring with them a huge shift of responsibility to each and every resident to take responsibility of their own interactions. With people being allowed to go out and receive visitors we are now dependant on each other to keep each other safe. It is vital that you report when you are not feeling well and that you isolate when not feeling well. The risk of having asymptomatic residents amongst us will now be higher than ever and we need to ensure that we take all the necessary precautions. We should be wearing our masks and keeping our social distancing as if everybody that we come into contact with has the virus. That is the only way we will keep ourselves and our friends in the Village safe.

This has been a very stressful 4 months for all, so I appeal to everybody to be kind to each other and to the staff that are reintegrating into the village. Understand that people are nervous and afraid as well as hungry for company and social interaction.

Let's all keep each other safe as we try to get back to some kind of normality.

Your ever-caring Village Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilma Swart', with a small dot at the end of the final stroke.

Wilma Swart
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