

Circular 17 - 2021

29 June 2021

Dear Resident

Third Wave is major concern - Lockdown Village Restriction Level 4 – 1 July 2021

Addressing the nation on Sunday night, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced increased lockdown restrictions, for the next 14 days and expressed uncertainty about the potential duration and severity of the country's third wave of Covid-19 infections due to the Delta variant.

This new strain is a more transmissible mutation of the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 – had been found in five provinces already: Gauteng; KwaZulu-Natal; the Eastern Cape; the Free State; and the Western Cape.

The increased transmissibility of the variant is already a major cause for concern in Gauteng, where the average number of cases reported daily for the past seven days has risen above 9500 new cases per day - almost double the number of daily cases seen at the peak of the first and second waves. It's extremely concerning to see the rapid rate of infection and spread of the new variant that is ravaging our communities, both young and old.

Sixty plus year-olds have constantly been highlighted as vulnerable by the President and various ministers. Ramaphosa pointed out that vaccines, such as the Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer jabs, offer protection against the Delta variant and emphasised the importance of the country's, vaccine rollout.

If, like me, you are feeling very confused and frustrated by all the uncertainty, regulations, constant changes that are in the air, please remember that it is Evergreen's number one goal to protect residents and staff against the dreadful COVID-19 virus.

We have consulted directly with government, our healthcare professionals and other industry bodies as well as the guidelines for the prevention and management of coronavirus infection in long-term retirement facilities who all agree that visits to old-age homes and care facilities must be restricted. As the country moves to level 4 of lockdown as from Monday, 28 June 2021, the guidelines below will be implemented in our village. Should these change, you will be updated as soon as possible.

- ALL social engagements and activities namely, bridge, movie night, fellowship morning, resident braais, presentations and exercise class etc are cancelled with immediate effect until further notice.
- Please do not gather/socialise in the Bistro at any time – the Bistro is closed/off limits.
- Until further notice ALL meals will be prepared by WPC and delivered to your home as take-away.
- As previously mentioned, we respectfully request residents to maintain a "lockdown" mindset and to only leave the village in the case of an emergency, a medical appointment or for essential food shopping – and then straight to your appointment and return.
- All residents will be asked to inform reception prior to their leaving the village of where they will be traveling to in order for management to keep track of your whereabouts and remind you of the need to quarantine.

- Pick 'n Pay will continue to deliver to our Village and your order should be in by no later than Friday afternoon for the Monday delivery run. All grocery deliveries and take-out deliveries are to be collected and paid for in the basement
- Please make use of delivery services and online shopping whenever possible. If you need help to register or to place an order, do not hesitate to contact management for assistance.
- Please advise your friends and family that they will NOT be allowed into the Village.
- Elevators in the building may only be used with a maximum of two people at a time.
- No private domestic or garden services will be allowed. A cleaning service by our domestic staff is available for short periods, especially for our more vulnerable residents. Strict social distancing and sanitising protocols will be observed.
- No maintenance work or variation work may be undertaken unless it is deemed as essential and an emergency.
- All residents must wear a three-ply cloth mask that covers the nose and mouth when they leave their homes or when they are in a public space (this is now mandatory and has become law in South Africa).
- Plastic face shields are not a replacement for a cloth mask and must be worn in conjunction with a face mask, but not on their own.
- Please call the clinic on Ext 1403/1404. for any assistance or enquiries.

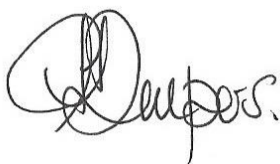
Just a reminder that the next round of the Pfizer vaccines will start rolling out in mid-July. We appeal to you to stay safe until you have received your second jab. This will increase the effectiveness of the vaccination by 88% against severe symptoms and hospitalization. You are also reminded that should you contract COVID-19 in the period after your first jab, that a compulsory 90-day waiting period will have to be observed before getting your second jab.

Please take care and call me on Ext 1406 or Amanda on Ext 1401 should you require any additional information. If anything is unclear or you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Together as a team, residents and management must do everything in their power to keep the virus out of our village and to prevent a possible outbreak.

I wish to thank you in advance for your support, cooperation and understanding of the situation.

And finally – a friendly reminder that my team and I are, as always, at the ready to assist you with any request you may have.

Yours sincerely



Christine Dempers
Village Manager – Diep River