

Circular 40 – 2021

14 December 2021

Dear Resident,

We have received official correspondence from the DOH. The Western Cape has officially entered the fourth wave of Covid-19 infections. They indicate a decline in Gauteng and an increase in the Cape Metro.

The current seven-day moving average of new daily infections has increased to approximately 1 600 cases per day and was expected to increase exponentially. While this is an alarming announcement, the hospitalisation and deaths are proportionately down from the last wave. However, there is anecdotal evidence that Omicron is four times more contagious than the last variant, Delta. This explains the sharp rise in infections.

The village recently had a scare when one of our clinic nurses was tested positive. We wish Tatenda a speedy recovery and all the very best during her recovery time.

We are monitoring those residents who have had close contact with her for a period of five days before testing them on 17 December. Our residents: Lyn Glen-Young, Susan Fourie, Marie Sussman, Bettie Hastie, Betty Jennings, Naomi Daniels and Gerald & Dawn Bonthuys - all seem to be doing very well and remain unaffected so far. In addition, Ani Fiske is also not feeling very well and has chosen to isolate in her unit and not mix with residents until she feels better. I look forward to seeing them again soon in the Bistro and at our social events.

The onus is up to each one of us to act responsibly. It is the neighbourly thing to do to protect our small community. As soon as you are not feeling well, please let the clinic know, even if it's just a runny nose, a sore throat or a cough. The Omicron symptoms present like flu – so let us all be cautious. Do not socialise with other residents until we can rule out Coronavirus. If you suspect that you have any symptoms, please call the clinic for assistance – please DO NOT leave your home to go to the clinic, we will come to you. If you would like to be tested, please contact the clinic.

We encourage all residents to practice physical distancing by social distancing; wearing a good mask over your nose and mouth when you leave your home and you are in a public place; ensure good ventilation by meeting outdoors; keep the windows open in buildings and vehicles; wash your hands and sanitise frequently. We must do everything we can to keep this virus out of our village

We have maintained our health protocols throughout which include record keeping, controlled access as well as approved visits by visitors and contractors into the village. You are our main concern and your health and safety is very important to us. This is a stark reminder that we will live with this virus for some time to come.

Please ensure that you remain vigilant and take the necessary precautions both in the village and when you are away from it. Please note that my team and I are, as always, at the ready to assist you with any request you may have.

Yours faithfully



Christine Dempers  
Village Manager