

Circular 02/2022

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Dear Resident

I refer to the recent media release sent to residents earlier regarding a special Cabinet meeting held on 31 January 2022 which has approved changes to the Adjusted Alert Level 1 COVID-19 regulations.

According to the statement, the rationale behind the move is informed by the proportion of people with immunity to the virus, which has risen in excess of 60-80% in several surveys. Premier Alan Winde has announced that the Western Cape has officially exited the fourth wave after case numbers dropped below 15% of the peak.

From Tuesday, for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic started, South African schools will be fully reopened. Primary, secondary and special schools will return to daily attendance.

We need to understand is that this virus is here to stay and it is up to us to stay vigilant, careful and protect each other as we are a small community. As the country moved to adjusted level 1 of lockdown the following restrictions apply to the Village:

FAMILY MEMBERS & VISITORS

Just to remind you what our village COVID-19 protocols are for family members and visitors

- Family members and grandchildren (under 18's) will be allowed to visit. We respectfully request that you do not entertain your grandchildren in the common area and that they do not use any facilities in the village.
- All visitors will have to be screened at the security guardhouse on entering the village. Visitors will have their temperatures recorded as well as be sanitised and will need to provide contact details.
- We strongly recommend that all visitors keep their masks on at all times and that even in your homes you maintain the 2-meter distancing protocol and remember to wash hands and sanitise regularly.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The monthly calendar is finalised and there are new activities, presentations and outings planned for everyone. We encourage you to participate and attend these functions.

BISTRO MEALS

- Luncheon meals will continue in the Bistro for ALL residents who wish to enjoy a meal.
- You are very welcome to invite your friends and family to join you for a meal or refreshments in the Bistro or patio.
- Bistro seating will be increased to four per table for lunch and special functions.
- Take-Away meals will be available on order and will be delivered to your home, if requested.
- A shuttle to transport residents to the local shopping centres has been arranged alternate Tuesdays. A poster is on the notice board with further details.

MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance and Repairs will continue under the same guidelines currently in place - residents will be required to maintain and manage safe distancing between themselves and workers at all times.

HOSPITAL/TRAVEL/ISOLATION

- You will not be required to go into isolation if you leave the village to travel.
- If a resident gets admitted to hospital, we will insist that the resident goes into isolation for at least five days on their return home. We will let family members visit but we expect that they will not socialise with residents during this time.
- If a resident shows any symptoms of COVID-19, they will be required to isolate until tested and produce a negative result or if positive, to quarantine for the required number of days.

A study found a second-generation form of Omicron appears even more transmissible than the original variant. These symptoms present like flu – so let us all be cautious. 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. 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 Nurse Sharon Adams in the clinic on Ext 1401.

We encourage all residents to practice social distancing; wear a good mask over your nose and mouth as face masks are mandatory 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 have maintained our health protocols throughout this pandemic which include record keeping, controlled access as well as approved visits by contractors into the village. This is a stark reminder that we will live with this virus for some time to come.

You are our main concern and your health and safety is very important to us.

Yours faithfully



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