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Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

LET'S ALL DO OUR BIT TO PUT AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

WEAR A MASK: IT'S MANDATORY!

In accordance with the latest regulations published in terms of the Disaster Management Act, everyone must wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place. The same regulations stipulate that no-one will be allowed to use any form of public transport or to enter a building, place or premises – **including shops** – unless they are wearing a face mask.

PRACTISE THE FIVE RULES OF GOOD HYGIENE

1. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
3. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. Safely throw away the tissue.
4. Keep 1.5 metres apart from others.
5. Stay home if unwell. If unwell, send a WhatsApp to 0600 123 456 or call the provincial hotline on 021 928 4102.

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

Avoid contact with other people as far as possible, and only leave your home when it is absolutely necessary.

Remember, that under Level 4 restrictions, all social gatherings are still banned with the exception of funerals. In the case of the latter, strict rules must be observed and are subject to supervision by local law enforcement agencies.

In instances where people have been allowed to return to work under the new regulations, both employers and employees will be required to ensure that safe distances are maintained and that the necessary precautions against contamination are taken at all times.

MASKS

What you need to know

Well made cloth masks do not replace the **5 Golden Rules of Good Hygiene**. They may offer some extra protection if well made and used correctly.

Do not use N95 respirators and medical masks. There is a shortage and we must keep them to protect health workers caring for those with COVID-19.

Follow the 5 Golden Rules of Good Hygiene to stop the spread of coronavirus:

1. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
2. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
3. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. Safely throw away the tissue.
4. Keep 1.5 metres apart from others.
5. Stay home if unwell. Contact a hotline or your health worker.

24 National Hotline : 0800 029 999
24 Provincial Hotline : 021 928 4102
24 National WhatsApp : 0600 123 456

ONCE-OFF OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE HOUSE OR OFFICE

In terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002, the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, has gazetted a set of amended directives to allow for the once-off movement of persons and the transportation of goods for the purpose of relocation.

According to these directives, individuals and businesses who have entered into new lease agreements before or during the lockdown period or buyers whose properties have been transferred before the lockdown or since 1 May 2020 will be allowed to relocate across provincial, metropolitan or district boundaries.

No relocations across international boundaries are allowed, though.

To make use of this once-off opportunity, those who have sufficient grounds for relocating their homes or businesses must, first and foremost, obtain the necessary permit from the station commander at their nearest police station.

Secondly, anyone undertaking a removal will, at all times, be required to ensure that COVID-19 regulations and the relevant directives issued by the Minister of Transport are adhered to.

A detailed version of the relevant gazetted directives and the applicable regulations can be obtained via the following link: <https://bit.ly/3ceioip>.

CAPITAL PROJECTS TO RESUME SELECTIVELY

Following on the announcement towards the beginning of May that restrictions in terms of the national Covid-19 disaster management plan will be eased from level 5 to level 4, Council immediately set out to determine which of its capital projects could be resumed safely.

With the proviso that all contractors ensure that their workers' are tested for and safeguarded against the spread of the Covid-19 virus, an agreement was reached that in addition to housing projects, the following should resume without delay:

- Upgrades and refurbishment: ■ Gateway well field ■ Preekstoel waste-water pre-treatment system ■ Stanford waste-water treatment works and water stabilisation ■ De Bos Dam intake infrastructure ■ Kidbrooke sewer ■ bulk water pipelines
- Extensions and replacements: ■ Gateway booster pump ■ sewer networks in Kleinmond and Gansbaai CBD
- Construction works: ■ Palmiet River booster pump station ■ new reservoirs for Pringle Bay and Masakhane ■ waste management facility in Hermanus ■ Hawston sports complex and hub ■ removal of decommissioned waste site in Hawston
- Storm water: ■ Main Road and High Street as well as industrial area, Hermanus
- Road works and related: ■ intersection of R43 and George Viljoen Street, Hawston ■ sidewalks

For more information on these projects, Overstrand's draft reviewed Integrated Development for 2020-2021 can be downloaded from the municipality's website at www.overstrand.gov.za.

SCREENING IN OVERSTRAND

Trained fieldworkers will continue to conduct door-to-door screening for COVID-19 in the Hangklip-Kleinmond, Hermanus, Stanford and Gansbaai areas.

These fieldworkers, who will be identifiable by way of their clothing and the ID tags they are required to display, will ask simple verbal questions aimed at screening for symptoms (a sore throat, a cough or fever).

Based on the answers to these questions, **only** those who may require further testing will then be referred to the testing centre nearest to them. This may either be a clinic or a mobile unit (i.e. gazebo) parked in your area.

At the testing centre, a swab will be taken from your nose or throat.

Test results will not be available immediately, but all patients will be followed up and advised of their status.

Since screening and testing are crucial in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask residents to please allow fieldworkers to screen them.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Help us stop this unsightly costly scourge



What a waste! Illegal dumping unnecessary burden on capacity and serious threat to public health.



One of the positive side-effects of the current lockdown is that many people now have time on their hands to clean out their garages and tidy up their homes.

As much as it is laudable that residents use this time to undertake tasks such as these which, under different circumstances, might have been considered far too tedious, Overstrand Municipality must caution that illegal dumping is still a criminal offence.

Yes, it is true: Ever since the announcement of the nationwide lockdown mid-March, transfer stations and landfill sites have remained closed to the public.

At this point in time, those facilities are manned by and accessible to a limited number of workers only who have valiantly agreed to keep on rendering essential services, namely the processing of general household waste.

As responsible and concerned citizens, the last thing we should do is stretch their limited capacity by dumping redundant furniture and appliances at their gates and simply expecting them to take care of it.

And then there are those transgressors who think dumping their garbage on the nearest sidewalk or unoccupied plot rather than holding on to it for the time being is okay.

This is an unsightly habit that not only threatens the environment but also puts our citizens' health at even greater risk.

Overstrand Municipality appeals to all residents to please hold on to any form of garbage other than normal household waste until such time as it can safely be disposed of.

Since illegal dumping in a public place or elsewhere is a criminal offence, please report incidences such as these immediately by calling Law Enforcement on 028 313 8996 or the 24-hour control room at 028 313 8111.

When reporting illegal dumping, please provide as much information as you can such as the physical address, the colour and make of the vehicle involved and its registration number.

Better yet, take a picture – especially of the vehicle's registration number – and send it to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za along with details on the date, time and place.

MOST PUBLIC PLACES STILL UNDER LOCK & KEY

Although members of the public are now allowed to jog, cycle or walk between the hours of 06:00 and 09:00 daily, they are reminded that all beaches will remain closed till further notice.

Those who live within a 5 km radius from the Fernkloof, Kleinmond and Rooi Els Nature Reserves are welcome to take their daily exercise here, provided they observe the rules applicable to these reserves. Note that the Fernkloof Gardens are still closed.

Remember, too, that jogging or cycling in groups are not allowed and that everyone should wear face masks and maintain a social distance of at least 1.5 m at all times.

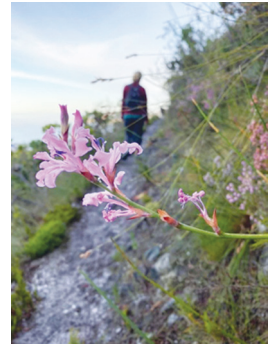
In addition to the public facilities listed above, the following places or premises normally open to the public where religious, cultural, sporting, entertainment, recreational, exhibitional, organisational or similar activities may take place will also remain closed under Level 4 restrictions:

- Public parks, swimming pools, sports grounds and fields;
- Flea markets;
- Fetes and bazaars ;
- Night clubs;
- Casinos;
- Taverns and shebeens or similar establishments;
- Theatres and cinemas; and Museums.

Except to the extent that they are required to remain open for the sake of tourists who are still confined there, the following will also remain closed till further notices:

- Hotels, lodges, bed and breakfasts, air-B&Bs, timeshare facilities and resorts, and guest houses;
- Private and public game reserves, and holiday resorts.

Take note that persons rendering security and maintenance services may continue to perform these services at the places or premises listed above.



REPRIEVE FOR EXPIRED LICENCES

Given that all traffic departments and licensing offices have been closed since the start of the lockdown period, drivers' licences and discs that expired during this time will remain valid until such time as these facilities reopen.

In this regard, the National Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, indicated that it is envisaged that licensing and testing centres will reopen sometime in June.

As soon as the exact date has been announced, an additional grace period of 30 days from the date of official reopening will be afforded to renew expired licence discs and drivers' licences.

In instances where a test for a driver's licence or learner's licence was scheduled to take place during the lockdown period, those tests will be rescheduled to take place at the first available test opportunity once testing centres have reopened. The new dates will be communicated to the relevant applicants once the lockdown has been lifted.

Once open, strict safety measures and protocols will be observed at all testing and licensing centres which means that wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing are obligatory.

Traffic Services also kindly request that no EFT payments for licence renewals or testing be made unless the correct amount due has been ascertained. This can be done by calling your nearest licensing office or testing centre once the lockdown has been lifted.