

KEY UPDATES – STATE OF DISASTER REGULATIONS

GAZETTED ON 02 APRIL 2020

Travel between Provinces & Districts/Metros

- Is now permitted for essential service workers to carry out their duties
- Transport of mortal remains
- For people to attend funerals of family members
 - only for specific relationships between deceased and attendees (e.g. parents, siblings, etc.)
 - maximum attendees still limited to 50 people
 - person needing to cross provinces or districts will need to obtain a permit from a Magistrate

Capacity – public & private transport

- Bus & e-hailing (uber, etc.) – 50% of licensed capacity
- Taxis – 70% of licensed capacity (100% provision communicated yesterday has been withdrawn)
- Private motor vehicles – 60% of licensed capacity

Contact Tracing

- Use of cell phone service provider information (Vodacom, MTN, etc.) to trace, where someone tests positive, those people that they may have come into close contact with over the previous number of days
 - this DOES NOT involve the monitoring or interception of cell phone communications
 - it is a very useful mechanism to contain the spread of the virus
 - the period during which data may be obtained for this purpose, is from 05 March 2020 until the date when the National State of Disaster (not the lockdown), ends

Essential Goods (new items added are underlined & *in italics*)

- Medical and Hospital Supplies, *medicine*, equipment and personal protective equipment;
- Fuel, including coal, *wood* and gas.
- Basic goods, including airtime, electricity *and the withdrawal of cash*

Note: Cigarettes have NOT been added – despite Western Cape Government statement – and may NOT be purchased or sold

Essential Services (new services added are underlined & *in italics*)

- “Financial Services” description has been extensively amended and now reads as follows:

3.1 (a) The following services necessary to maintain the functioning of a financial system as defined in section 1(1) of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, only when the operation of a place of business or entity is necessary to continue to perform those services:

- (i) *the banking environment (including the operations of mutual banks, co-operative banks, co-operative financial institutions and the Postbank);*
- (ii) *the payments environment;*
- (iii) *the financial markets (including market infrastructures licensed under the Financial Markets Act, 2012 (Act No. 19 of 2012);*
- (iv) *the insurance environment;*
- (v) *the savings and investment environment;*
- (vi) *pension fund administration;*
- (vii) *outsourced administration;*
- (viii) *medical schemes administration; and*

(b) The services listed in paragraph (a) may not be construed to include debt collection services.

- Grocery stores and wholesale produce markets, including spaza shops and informal food traders, with written permission from a municipal authority to operate being required in respect of informal food traders
- Funeral and cremation services, including mortuaries services and the transportation of mortal remains
- Cleaning, sanitation, pest control, sewerage, waste and refuse removal services
- Newspaper, broadcasting and telecommunication infrastructure and services, including call centres critical for the support of such services

REMEMBER

- Don't panic – anxiety suppresses your immune system
- Sanitise your hands and surfaces regularly
- Don't touch your face (eyes, nose & mouth)
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or the inside of your elbow, not your hands
- Practice social distancing if you leave your home during the lockdown
- Keep in touch with those who are alone during the lockdown
- Support your community in any way you are able to
- Stay safe and keep others safe