

Ministers' Briefing on 25 April 2020 – Summary of Level 4 Proposed Sector Operations

Introduction

- It was emphasised that the lockdown is *not being lifted* on 1 May but being *eased* to a lower level (L4) - we are still on lockdown after 1 May 2020.
- The Coronavirus will still be active for 6 – 8 months so workplaces, workplace culture and public culture will need to change.

Restrictions remaining in place in L4

- No inter-provincial travel except
 - traveling to funerals
 - returning to work
 - returning to school, etc.
- Remain at home unless going to work, to buy goods & services, seek medical attention
- No visiting of family, friends, neighbours permitted
- No international travel
- No concerts, cinemas or gatherings (cultural, religious, social) except funerals
- No alcohol sales
- No passenger & sea travel
- Taxi & e-hailing passenger capacities & sanitization applicable in L5 will apply
- Limited exercise under strict conditions (refer to the Regulations to be published):
 - gyms remain closed
 - no organised walking & running

1 May & beyond

- The entire country will move to L4 on 1 May
- Later movement to lower levels may be staggered & different in provinces, districts etc.

Public safety conditions

- When leaving home & being out in public, need to wear a face mask (mandatory)
- *Social distancing* is critical everywhere

Workplace readiness

- Before workplace opens, need to make *workplace preparations* before workers come back – so workplace is safe
- *Employees need to be screened* when come to work for temp, cough, etc, they need to then be referred for testing if have symptoms
- *Random testing* in large workforces
- *Ensure good ventilation & social distancing in canteens*
- *A Guideline* on managing the workplace to be published by Government

Preventative measures

- If possible to work at/from home – best at all lockdown levels
- People aged 60 and above – work at home as much as possible and remain at home
- People with co-morbidities (cancer, TB, HIV, High BP, lung problems, etc.) ideally not to return to work
 - Engage with employer & UIF for compensation, leave, etc.

Criteria considered for ‘opening’ of sectors and industries

- Risk of transmission
- Impact on the sector of remaining closed
- Contribution of each sector to the economy (multiple aspects)
- Promotion of community wellbeing

SECTOR FRAMEWORK

(Subject to amendment after sector consultation process – final Framework will be published on 30 April)

Note: the areas below are all those that are additional to (or amended) the list of services already permitted currently in Level 5. Please contact Hilton for a full list of the L4 services.

Agriculture

- Forestry, logging & related services
- Essential fishing operations
- Horticulture, food agriculture & services (livestock auctions, etc.)
- Export agriculture
- Flori-culture & forestry

Manufacturing

- 100%: Level 4 products & inputs & paper
- 50%: stationary, cement & construction material
- 50% automotive manufacturing incl components
- 100% Petroleum smelters, refineries, furnaces
- 50% children’s clothing winter clothing, bedding & heating blanket manufacturing
- Computers & mobile phones
- 100% inputs to essential services
- Essential maintenance to prevent damage & to permit orderly shutdown
- 20% All other manufacturing

Construction & related services (including tradespeople)

- Road and bridge projects;
- Other public works civil engineering projects;

Wholesale & Retail (high risk of spread)

Recommended to shop infrequently and for short-duration

Sale of:

- stationary & educational books
- winter clothing, bedding, heating
- children's clothing
- personal ICT equipment (e.g. computers, mobile phones & other home office equipment)
- tobacco products (contradictory statements in media briefing)
- cooked food *only for home delivery – no take-aways permitted*
- liquor – still ***not permitted***

Information & telecommunications

- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services for all private and business customers

Financial & business services

- Rental of motor vehicles, machinery and equipment, and of personal and household goods to support other L4 services
- Other professional services may operate only where work-from-home is not possible, and only to support other L4 services (e.g. legal, accounting, engineering, etc.)
- Call centres for international markets

Accommodation and food service activities

- Restaurants permitted to operate only for food delivery services (9am-8pm) and subject to curfew - no sit down or pick-up allowed

Transport, storage (logistics) & communication services

- Public rail, minibus taxi and bus services will resume at levels and on terms as will be set out in Directions, based on the progressive increase in commuter numbers during the various phases
- Essential imported goods will be prioritised through ports of entry and for transport and handling to final users. Directions will be issued in respect of other goods

Mining & quarrying

- Open-cast mining scaling up to full employment

Repair & related emergency services

- Emergency automobile repairs for all persons

Domestic support / private households employment

- Live-in staff and those supporting all Level 4 personnel

Public service & government services

- Licensing, permitting and deeds offices
- Any other service designated by the Executive Authority, HODs, Heads of Courts, and Heads of other Chapter 9 Institutions

Health, social & personal services

- Recycling of glass, paper & metal, including informal recyclers - permitted at 50% capacity
- All social work, counselling, care and relief activities permitted
- Trade union essential staff for workers covered by Level 4, subject to Directions, curfews & Regulations
- Beauticians, nail salons, massage, hair salons, etc. not permitted to operate in L4

Education Services

- Permitted on dates and schedule set out separately - refer Monday 27 April announcement

Personal movement

- Interprovincial travel is not permitted except
 - to return to work with proof of employment
 - in exceptional circumstances such as funerals (with approval) or
 - essential services
- Stay at home, other than essential travel for work and to purchase essential goods
- No recreational travel or to meet friends or family
- People can exercise under strict public health conditions, subject to directions, which will exclude organised activities, recreational facilities, and gyms
- Mandatory use of cloth masks (including home-made ones to cover nose and mask) and ensure hand hygiene when in public and at workplace
- Emergencies for medical reasons
- Those who have an exemption to travel for funerals
- South Africans returning home and foreign nationals leaving South Africa
- Elderly and persons with co-morbidities are encouraged to self-isolate and only leave home for exceptional reasons
- Social distancing (2m away from other persons) to be applied in public when, shopping, visiting health facilities (pharmacies, clinics, etc.)
- Social distancing when using public and private transport, as per transport guidelines
- All public gatherings are prohibited
- Stores to ensure that there is temperature screening of patrons, hand sanitisers available and measures to facilitate social distancing. Where the number of customers cannot be accommodated at once then measures such a ticket system and defined limit of time in the store per customer should be implemented instead of the physical queuing of customers.
- Curfews will be implemented between 8pm and 5am

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