



New Covid19 infection surge and adjusted level 3 lockdown regulations

On Monday evening President Ramaphosa announced that South Africa will be placed under an “adjusted” Level 3 lockdown from midnight Monday 28 December 2020 until 15 January 2021. All this comes after the country surpassed 1 million cumulative Covid-19 infections and recorded daily increases with a drastic climb on Christmas day.

This announcement follows meetings held by the president and his cabinet as part of the National Coronavirus Command Council on Sunday in place to protect the country from a second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. The president said that this move aims to limit super-spreader events such as social gatherings, funerals, church events and weddings.

Ramaphosa explained that this new lockdown will also allow government to focus on the social distancing measures, with the hope that these will ease the pressure on hospitals and health workers. Government has also imposed an earlier curfew and placed limitations on the sale of alcohol.

1. Curfew/Movement of persons

Under lockdown level 3, the new curfew will be between 21:00 and 06:00. This means that every person will be confined to their place of residence from 21h00 to 06h00, unless they are granted exemption from a relevant cabinet minister via regulation (essential services), or need to attend to a security or medical emergency. Non-essential establishments, including restaurants and bars, must close at 20:00.

2. Places and premises closed to the public

The following places are closed to the public:

1. Night clubs
2. Swimming pools, except for the training of professional athletes: and swimming contests as referred to in regulation 36(17)
3. Bars, taverns and shebeens; and
4. Public parks, including recreational facilities at such places, where there are no access control measures and entry limitations already in place.

The Cabinet member responsible for cooperative governance and traditional affairs may, by directions, determine a place or premises that must be closed, if there is a risk of any members of the public being exposed to COVID-19 at such a place or premises.

2. Mandatory protocols when in a public place

The list of dos and donts includes but not limited to:

- 2.1 The mandatory wearing of a cloth face mask or homemade item covering nose and mouth when in any public place (and or space) such as public transport, shops, workplaces etc.
- 2.2 All public and business places must adopt measures to promote physical distancing
- 2.3 All public and business places must provide hand sanitisers at the entrance to the premises for use by all users of such places

Attendance of funerals

The list of dos and donts includes but not limited to:

1. Funeral attendance limited to a maximum of 50 persons, with persons observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other.
2. Night vigils are not allowed.
3. After-funeral gatherings, including "after-tears" gatherings, are not allowed.
4. During a funeral, a person must wear a face mask and adhere to all health protocols and social distancing measures.
5. The duration of a funeral is restricted to a maximum of two hours.

Gatherings

The list of dos and donts includes but not limited to:

1. it is mandatory for every person when attending a gathering and in order to limit exposure to COVID-19 to -
 - 2.1 wear a face mask;
 - 2.2 adhere to all health protocols;
 - 2.3 maintain a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other; and
 - 2.4 adhere to any other health protocols and social distancing measures as provided for in directions issued by the relevant Cabinet member after
2. All social gatherings, including **faith-based gatherings are prohibited** for two weeks, after which this provision will be reviewed.
3. All other businesses to follow protocols as stipulated in the Disaster Management Act: Regulations: Alert level 3 during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown

For more information on these regulations and Covid19 related matters kindly visit:

[South African Government www.gov.za](http://www.gov.za)

<https://www.gov.za/covid-19/about/alert-level-3-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown>

<https://www.nicd.ac.za> :National Institute for Communicable Diseases

And or any other government agency such as National Department of Health and Department of Social Services

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