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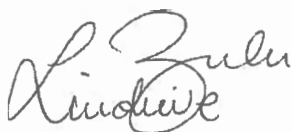
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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AMENDMENT OF THE DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(5) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

I, **Ms Lindiwe Zulu**, the Minister of Social Development, hereby, in terms of regulation 4(5)(b) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), and published in *Government Gazette* No. 43258, Government Notice No. R. 480 of 29 April 2020, amend Government Notice No. 430 published in *Government Gazette* No. 43182 of 30 March 2020, as amended by Government Notice No. R. 455 of 07 April 2020 and Government Notice No. R. 517 of 09 May 2020, as set out in the Schedule.

**MS LINDIWE ZULU, MP****MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: 2020/07/01

Schedule

Amendment of paragraph 5 of the directions

Paragraph 5 of the principal directions is hereby amended by the addition after subparagraph 5.4 of the following subparagraph:

“5.5 Health and Safety measures at facilities and centres managed by Department of Social Development

5.5(1) A person in charge of a facility or centre must develop and maintain protocols and guidelines of how visits will be managed in accordance with COVID-19 measures and health protocols.

5.5(2) The protocols and guidelines referred to in 5.5(1) must include the following:

5.5(2)(a) Symptom screening

- i. Screen any person visiting the premises to ascertain whether they have any of the observable symptoms associated with COVID-19, namely fever, cough, sore throat, redness of eyes or shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing;
- ii. Require every person to report whether they suffer from any of the following additional symptoms: body aches, loss of smell or loss of taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, weakness or tiredness;
- iii. Require every person to immediately inform the person in charge of the facility or centre or designated person if they experience any of the symptoms referred to above while at the facility or centre;
- iv. If a person presents with those symptoms, or advises the person in charge of the facility or centre of these symptoms, the facility or centre must –
 - (aa) not permit the person to enter the facility or centre or if the person is already at the centre or facility immediately isolate the person, require that the said person to make arrangements to be transported for a medical examination or testing; and
 - (bb) assess the risk of transmission, disinfect the area and refer those persons who may be at risk for screening and take any other appropriate measure to prevent possible transmission.

5.5(2)(b) Social distancing

- i. A person in charge of the facility or centre must ensure that-
 - (aa) minimal contact between persons is maintained;
 - (bb) there is a minimum of one and a half metres between persons;
 - and
 - (cc) adherence to the Health Protocols is maintained.

5.5(2)(c) Personal Protection

- i. Wearing of face masks is compulsory for the duration of any visit.

5.5(2)(d) Sanitizers, disinfectants and other measures

- i. For the purposes of these clauses, a hand sanitizer must be one that has at least 70% alcohol content, or generic alternative, and is in accordance with the recommendations of the Department of Health.
- ii. Every facility or centre should ensure that there are—
 - (aa) sufficient quantities of hand sanitizers based on the number of persons who are expected to access the facility or centre taking into consideration the number of persons to be visited; and
 - (bb) facilities for the washing of hands with water and soap.
- iii. Every facility or centre should take measures to ensure that all-
 - (aa) surfaces and equipment are cleaned before and after every visit; and
 - (bb) areas such as toilets, common areas, door handles, shared electronic equipment are regularly cleaned.

5.5(2)(e) Health Protocols for Facilities or Centres

- i. A person in charge of a facility or centre must ensure that seating arrangements, where applicable, are compliant with social distancing norms.
- ii. A facility or centre must keep a register which should be archived for a period of not less than 6 months, with the following details of a person visiting:
 - (aa) Full names;
 - (bb) Residential address; and
 - (cc) Contact number.

- iii. Where physical contact of an object is required, such object must be sanitised before contact by another person; and
- iv. Persons over the age of 60 and people with comorbidities should be encouraged not to visit.”.

Amendment of paragraph 6 of the Directions

1. Paragraph 6 of the Directions is hereby amended by–
 - (a) the substitution for subparagraph (a) (ii) of the following subparagraph:
(ii) Visits are permitted during Alert Level 3 of the national state of disaster.
 - (b) the substitution for subparagraph (b) (ii) of the following subparagraph:
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 - (c) the substitution for subparagraph (c) (ii) of the following subparagraph:
(ii) Visits are permitted during Alert Level 3 of the national state of disaster.
 - (d) the substitution for subparagraph (e) (ii) of the following subparagraph:
(ii) Visits are permitted during Alert Level 3 of the national state of disaster.
 - (e) the substitution for subparagraph (n) (ii) of the following subparagraph:
(ii) Visits are permitted during Alert Level 3 of the national state of disaster.
 - (f) the substitution for subparagraph (l)(viii) (cc) (i) of the following:
“(i) South African Citizens, Permanent Residents or Refugees registered on the Home Affairs database and holders of special permits under the Special Angolan Dispensation, the Lesotho Exemption Permit dispensation and the Zimbabwe Exemption Permit Dispensation, and asylum seekers whose section 22 permits or visas are valid or were valid on 15 March 2020.”;
 - (g) the substitution in subparagraph (m) for item (iv) (bb) (ii) of the following:
“(ii) a parental responsibilities and rights agreement or a parenting plan registered with the family advocate; or”.

(h) the addition after subparagraph (p) of the following subparagraphs:

“(q) Funding and support of Non-Governmental Organisations, Faith Based Organisations and Community Based Organisations

The Department at national, provincial and local spheres may continue to fund and support Non-Governmental Organisations, Faith-Based Organisations and Community Based Organisations which are providing services on behalf of the social development sector as a response to COVID -19.

(r) Shelters for homeless persons

The national, provincial and local Departments of Social Development, may temporarily provide support to shelters for homeless persons during the state of national disaster and continue to support and re-prioritise, within their available budgets, the needs of persons in shelters for the homeless.”.

Commencement

2. These Directions come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.