



Dear Colleagues

***It has been two weeks since we provided a statistical update of the SARS-COV-2 pandemic statistics at the CDC, and this correspondence is therefore meant to provide a statistical update-to-date.***

To date, the CDC has 28 cumulative confirmed cases of COVID19 since the emergence of the pandemic. It is clear from the statistics provided below that the number of confirmed COVID19 cases has been increasing on a weekly basis. However, the number of recoveries is also increasing, which is very encouraging. The close contacts have significantly reduced with each confirmed case, showing a positive trend which must be sustained, and it is attributed to the effectiveness of the applicable protocols, and responsible employee behaviour.

Office Location	No. of Confirmed Covid-19 Cases	No. of Recoveries	No. in Isolation	No. Deceased
Head Office	11	7	4	0
HCS	7	3	3	1
Mthatha Office	4	2	2	0
East London Office	3	1	2	0
Cape Town Office	1	1	0	0
BPO Park	1	1	0	0
Nelson Mandela Bay Logistics Park	1	1	0	0
<b>Total Numbers</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 1: Corona Virus Statistics as at 23 July 2020**

In adapting to the emerging requirements and strategies for managing the occupational spread of COVID19, due consideration has been given to the type of masks to be used going forward by CDC employees, taking due regard of the legislative requirements and the need to effectively manage the risk of contamination and spread of the virus, and doing so in a cost effective manner. In response, a decision has been made to do away with the supply of surgical masks and to introduce the use of fabric masks with effect from Monday, 27th of July 2020.

To ensure an effective transition from the surgical to fabric mask use, each employee will be allocated an amount of R150, which will be paid out on Saturday, 25th of July 2020. This is to ensure that employees use the weekend to buy three quality fabric masks (3 layered fabric masks) as prescribed in the Department of Health guidelines. Employees are encouraged to purchase masks from SMMEs in their respective communities as a gesture of support during these difficult times. CDC branded masks are also available for purchase at a cost of R54.00, while stocks last.

***Therefore, with effect from Monday, 27th of July, no surgical masks will be issued at the security gates, and employees will be expected to arrive at work wearing their fabric masks. Employees are expected and compelled to keep their fabric masks clean and not to reuse a fabric mask if it has not been washed and ironed to prevent the spread of the virus.***

*Let us continue to keep safe, and courageous with the full belief that we have the power and resolve to defeat the sting of this virus.*

For more information on CDC's Protocols on COVID-19, please visit COVID-19 Online Portal: <http://www.coega.co.za/DocumentList.aspx?cmd=browse&objID=80&catID=2065>. We welcome your suggestion on the CDC's anonymous online suggestion box: <http://intranet/Electronicsuggestionbox.asp>.

Kind regards,

**COVID-19 Task team**