



Dear Colleagues

On 23 April 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa pronounced on the status of the national lockdown and issued a directive on the levels of restrictions from Level 5 to Level 1, with the initial implementation of Level 4 coming into effect from 01 May 2020, nationally. Subsequently, the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and the Minister of Trade and Industry & Competition, Mr Ebrahim Patel, provided a detailed briefing on the classification of industries as part of the risk adjusted strategy on re-opening the economy as announced by President Ramaphosa.

According to the Department of Health, as at 29 April 2020, 5350 positive cases have been identified, 103 deaths, 2073 recoveries, and 192 127 tests conducted.

Regarding the conditions of return to work, Minister Dlamini-Zuma said that in addition to generally applicable health and safety protocols, each sector has to agree on a Covid-19 prevention and mitigation plan, approved by the Minister of Health and any other minister relevant to the sector. Therefore, the detailed regulations providing specific information on the economic sectors to be re-opened will be published on Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Given the aforementioned, particularly the fact that the regulations will be published on 30 April 2020 and Friday, 01 May 2020, is a public holiday, CDC employees and interns are not expected to return to the office on Monday, 4 May 2020. All employees will still be required to continue working from home until further details are made available.

A communique to staff will follow on Tuesday, 05 May 2020, with details on what is expected from employees to enable compliance with Level 4 regulations on the re-opening of certain economic sectors, and CDC operations.

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