

PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA'S CALL ON COVID-19 OUTBREAK

President Cyril Ramaphosa has on the 15th of March 2020, declare the outbreak of Covid-2019 a national state of disaster in terms of the National Disaster Act , thus giving a national directive on immediate measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

I still urge our people to heed the call of the President by changing behavior and attitude. Changing our mindset will save South Africa from this pandemic, the world is at war with the invisible enemy. We are not immune from this disastrous epidemic, please let us not take it lightly. Loosing one life will be too many for our beloved country.

As the Presidency has undertaken a mass communication campaign on good hygiene and effective prevention behavior, the Blouberg Local Municipality has put measures in place including provision of masks, hand sanitizers soap and hand gloves at all the service points and we are calling for everyone to:

*Wash their hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizers for atleast 20 seconds;

*Cover their nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow;

*Avoid close contact with anyone with cold flu-like symptoms.

Again we must minimize physical contact with other people, and , encourage the elbow greetings rather than shaking hands.

As the national directive prohibits gatherings of more than 100 people, Blouberg Local Municipality with effective immediately suspends all gatherings of more than 100 people including public participation and general staff until further notice .

The fight against corona virus is a collective responsibility. Let us join hands and defeat our common enemy.

For more information on precautionary measures and other measures related to Covid-19 visit www.gov.za/NovelCoronaVirus or make use of a national hotline 0800 029 999 or the official WhatsApp service on 0600 123 456.

