

## **COVID-19 Pandemic: SRA Update**

As we all know the President has announced a general lockdown, effective from midnight tonight. This message is to inform you of how this will affect the SRA's activities, and is further to our newsflash of 17 March advising of the SRA's general response to the pandemic.

The public safety, cleansing and social development activities of SRAs have been included as essential services exempted from the lockdown. Our public safety contractor has also been included as an exempted essential service.

Consequently:

- Public safety patrols by Lake Security will continue uninterrupted by a full workforce and our security cameras will continue to be monitored. We are assured by Lake Security that their patrollers will be trained to comply with all health and safety advice and directives aimed at limiting the spread of the virus.
- Our cleaners will continue to clean our residential streets and will at all times be required to comply with all health and safety directives. Due to expected lower foot flow in most areas, they will also focus on ad hoc problem areas as decided by our Manager.
- Anna Els, our Social Development Co-ordinator will continue with her activities to the extent that it is safe to do so.

Despite this exemption, and in line with the call to do whatever we can to reduce the spread of the virus in our communities:

- Until further notice (i.e. potentially until after 16 April) no SRA board member or the Manager should, as far as possible, physically meet with anyone else on SRA business. This means that all communication will be by phone or email or Whatsapp until it is decided that it is safe to resume face to face meetings.
- Consequently:
  - All non-essential meetings have been suspended, including, for example, board meetings and our weekly security meetings. However, close contact will continue to be maintained by phone and email and all necessary decisions and actions will continue to be taken.
  - Our Manager, Gail Daniels, will operate from home as far as possible.

The homeless: The Presidents directive includes a directive for the City to shelter all its homeless people. This is obviously a huge challenge and the City is currently working hard to identify suitable buildings and locations to house the homeless while also being able to ensure safe and sanitary practices. Anna Els is in close working contact with the City. Further information will be provided as soon as we can.

We again call on friends, family and neighbours in our community to help each other during these very difficult times

To assist our community we yesterday sent out a list of useful phone numbers. Please keep the list on a prominent place for quick and easy reference.

If necessary, we also again invite any resident to contact our Social Development Coordinator, Anna Els, for help. We repeat that due to the SRA's limited resources, contact with Anna should be made only in cases of real distress and after seeking help from neighbours, family and friends. Anna's email address is [elsanna04@gmail.com](mailto:elsanna04@gmail.com) and her mobile phone number is 0733556807.