

Municipality urges business owners to adhere to safety and hygiene regulations

South Africa enters Level 3 of the nationwide lockdown on 1 June, which allows many businesses to reopen their doors and employees to return to work. “This is welcome news,” said Executive Deputy Mayor Aubrey Tsengwa. “While it will help to reboot our local economy, it does however raise the risk of workplace infections and the spread of the corona virus. There are many practical methods to avoid this, and they are generally easy to implement.”

The owners of businesses that are allowed to open during Level 3 are asked to disinfect their premises before opening to the public. Other easy steps to ensure the safety of employers, employees and customers include performing a risk assessment of the premises and acting on all identified issues, performing an employee risk assessment and work procedure plan, training all employees on prevention of contracting and spreading the virus, and ensuring that sufficient sanitising and prevention equipment is available at all times.

“Business owners must remember that they cannot operate without their staff members,” said Tsengwa. “I urge all employers to prioritise the wellbeing of your employees and their families. Please also follow all regulations to ensure the safety of your clients and customers and play your part in curtailing the spread of Covid-19.”

For more information on how to prevent and manage Covid-19 infections in the workplace, visit <https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/frequently-asked-questions/frequently-asked-questions-how-prevent-and-manage-covid-19-infections>

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