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To:	The Honorable Dr ZL Mkhize, Minister of Health	From:	Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) on Covid-19

REGULATIONS FROM STATE OF DISASTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH ACT

Problem/Concern

What is the list of minimum core prevention and control measures that need to be instituted through the regulations required under the National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003) for the management of Covid-19 pandemic as part of the exit strategy from the National State of Disaster?

Recommendations

See full documents: *Regulations for consideration in the National Health Act (NHA)*.

It is recommended that the following regulations from the State of Disaster be considered for inclusion in the National Health Act:

1. (67) Protocols in public places: Proper mask use in public places. Consideration to use of sanitisers and social distancing.
 2. (68) Attendance of Funerals: Amended to be included with Gatherings. Guidelines/Directives to outline specific recommendations.
 3. (69) Gatherings: Amend to simplify. Recommend indoor gatherings be restricted to 50% capacity, outdoor gatherings have no limit but allow for social distancing.
 4. (74) Controlled visits by public: Visitations to healthcare facilities, residential care home to be included in NHA regulations.
 5. (79) Compliance officers: Health officers for both general and specific tasks can be appointed.
- Consideration to mechanisms to activate/deactivate certain regulations should be made.
 - The use of guidelines and directives should be used to provide the detail not captured in the regulations.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Kind regards,



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