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### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS lockdown - Mayor's message

During a Council meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2020 in Hermanus' banqueting hall, Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee addressed Council on the COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS lockdown

The Mayor's speech, is published below:

South Africa will enforce a three-week lockdown due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced on Monday, 23 March 2020. The 21-day lockdown will start midnight Thursday 26 March till midnight 16 April 2020.

The announcement comes a week after the President declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national state of disaster.

Overstrand Executive Mayor, Dudley Coetzee, made it absolutely clear that during the lockdown, all Overstrand residents will have to stay at home until midnight on Thursday 16 April 2020.

"The purpose of the lockdown is for people to stay at home. Individuals will not be allowed to leave their homes except under strictly controlled circumstances, such as to seek medical care, buy food, medicine and other supplies or to collect social grants," he said.

Exempt from this lockdown are the health workers in the public and private sectors, emergency personnel, those in security services (such as the police, traffic officers, military medical personnel, soldiers) and other persons necessary to respond to COVID-19.

It will also include those persons involved in the production, distribution and supply of food and basic goods, essential banking services, the maintenance of power, water and telecommunications services, laboratory services, and those involved in the provision of medical and hygiene products.

With exception for pharmacies, laboratories, banks, essential financial and payment services - including the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, supermarkets, petrol stations and health care providers, all shops and businesses will be closed. Provision will be made for essential transport services to continue, including transport of essential staff and for patients to hospitals or clinics.

Overstrand Municipality remains committed to service delivery and all essential services will remain open during the lockdown. The following measures will be implemented:

**REFUSE REMOVAL:**

Refuse removal will continue as per normal collection schedule for the Greater Hermanus and Greater Gansbaai administrations.

In the Hangklip-Kleinmond area, refuse will be collected as follows:

- Mondays: Rooi Els, Kleinmond Sea Avenues, Kleinmond Mountain Avenues, Klein Berlyn and Heuningkloof
- Tuesdays: Proteadorp, Overhills, Mountain View, Extension 6, Palmiet, Sunny Seas
- Wednesdays: Betty's Bay and Mooiuitsig
- Thursdays: Pringle Bay

Each household is allowed to place one wheelie bin or four black bags (with the proviso that only one bag may contain garden waste) with domestic refuse on the sidewalk for removal in areas which the Municipality has not identified as a problem animal area. Containers must be secured with baboon proof locking devices in all areas that the Municipality has identified as problem animal areas. No refuse bags may be left on pavements in baboon problem areas.

**TRANSFER STATIONS:**

All transfers stations and drop-off facilities will be closed during lockdown

**SEWERAGE TANKER SERVICE:**

Several areas in Overstrand are not connected to a sewer network, resulting in many residents being dependent upon our tanker service to remove sewage from their premises. Honey sucker service will continue as per normal. Phone 028 313 8000/8111 to request a tanker service. Do note that any tanker services requested after 15:00 will be subject to an after-hour levy.

**WATER AND ELECTRICITY:**

- Both are fully operational. Report any issues regarding water or electricity to our 24-hour control room

**OVERSTRAND'S 24-HOUR CONTROL ROOM**

- Will remain open 028 313 8000/8111
- Problems may be addressed telephonically

**TRAFFIC SERVICES:**

- Testing of vehicles for roadworthy will be closed
- Driving licence testing services will be closed
- Learner's Licence Testing Services will be closed
- Eye Testing Services will be closed
- Motor vehicle registration will be closed

**PUBLIC TRADING SPACES:**

- All formal and informal markets are to be closed, including vendors at taxi-ranks

**CAR MONITORS:**

- Both informal and formal car monitors and washers are prohibited during the lockdown

**MEETINGS:**

- All public meetings and site visits will be postponed until after the lockdown period

**OVERSTRAND TOURISM OFFICES:**

- Will be closed. Tourism managers will be available on their cellphones and via email. Go to [www.whalecoast.info](http://www.whalecoast.info) for contact details.

**CEMETERIES:**

Cemeteries will remain open, although residents are advised to be mindful of the number of persons at the graveside during burial.

Payment for grave space must be made directly to the municipal primary bank account:

Overstrand Municipality

Nedbank Account Number 1190136678

Type of account: Current Account

Branch Code: 198765

Applicable tariffs can be confirmed at Overstrand Municipality's control room (028 313 8111).

Kindly note, in order to obtain authorisation, the proof of payment must be e-mailed to [enquiries@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:enquiries@overstrand.gov.za)

**LIBRARIES:**

- Closed

**BEACHES, PICNIC SITES AND NATURE RESERVES:**

- Closed

**COMMUNITY HALLS AND SPORT FACILITIES:**

- Closed

**PUBLIC EVENTS TO BE HOSTED IN TERMS OF THE EVENTS BY-LAW:**

- All approved events in terms of the by-law are cancelled until further notice and permits were revoked
- No new applications shall be considered until further notice
- Overstrand Municipality will offer refund for payments made affected by lockdown

**HAWSTON SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX CLOSED:**

- The Hawston Swimming Pool Complex is closed until further notice

**DAY CAMPS CLOSED:**

- Day camps and picnic spots will be closed to the public until further notice

**OVERSTRAND CARAVAN PARKS CLOSED:**

- In light of COVID-19 Coronavirus, and considering the safety of residents and visitors to the Overstrand, caravan parks will be closed until further notice. Overstrand Municipality will offer refund for payments made affected by lockdown

**RATES HALLS AND CASH OFFICES**

- Municipal rates halls and cash offices will be closed
- The Municipality encourages account holders to use online banking to pay accounts

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

- Closed
- In case of an infrastructure related emergency, contact Overstrand's 24-hour Control Room at 028 313 8000/8111.
- Fire & Rescue can be called directly at 028 312 2400 and the number for law enforcement complaints are 028 313 8996.

**PRE-PAID ELECTRICITY:**

- Pre-paid electricity can be bought online ([home.ontec.co.za](http://home.ontec.co.za)) or on your cell phone (download the app from the play store). Should you need assistance, phone Ontec at 0861 220 244 or e-mail [servicedesk@ontec.co.za](mailto:servicedesk@ontec.co.za)
- Prepaid electricity tokens are available at retailers Pick 'n Pay, Checkers and Spar as well as garages (Engen) and various other outlets that will be open during lockdown

**MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS:**

Municipal accounts and utility bills can be paid at:

- EasyPay
- SA Post Office
- Pick n Pay
- Shoprite/Checkers
- Spar
- Pay@ points nationwide
- Electronic transfers

Always use your account number as reference when making payment.

**EFT PAYMENTS for municipal accounts:**

Overstrand Municipality

Nedbank Account Number 1190136899

Branch Code: 198765

- This account is solely for the payment of monthly municipal accounts and the payment must include the 12-numerical digit account number as the reference.

**EFT PAYMENTS for traffic fines:**

Overstrand Municipality

Nedbank Account Number 1190137186

Type of account: Current Account

Branch Code: 198765

- This account is solely for the payment of Overstrand Municipality traffic fines and the payment must include the 10 to 16 alpha-numerical digit reference number indicated on the fine. Please note that the “/” must not be included in the reference number.

**EFT PAYMENTS for other services:**

Overstrand Municipality

Nedbank Account Number 1190136678

Type of account: Current Account

Branch Code: 198765

- This account is for the payment of fees such as licence renewal, building plans, new water and electricity connections, boat launching, town planning, etc. Clients are requested to obtain a reference number from the Municipality before depositing money in these instances.

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