

## PRESS RELEASE

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### STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF HESSEQUA MUNICIPALITY, GRANT RIDDLES

#### MUNICIPAL ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

With the national state of disaster declared by the President on 15 March 2020 and the potential threat of the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is essential to ensure that contingencies are in place.

Hessequa Municipality remains committed to service delivery and the wellbeing of residents and our staff and has therefore established an internal COVID Committee which is working on mitigating risks relating to our staff and members of the public accessing municipal buildings.

The following municipal facilities will be closed until further notice. Please note this list may be amended as and when required as the situation develops:

- **Community Halls / Civic Centres**

Community hall and civic centre bookings will be refunded by the municipality without the deduction of any administration fee.

- **Camping Sites and Chalets**

Camping Sites and Chalets bookings will be refunded by the municipality without the deduction of any administration fee, alternatively the booking may be postponed.

- **Museums**

- **Sport Fields**

- **Swimming Pools**

- **Libraries**

Books can be returned to the library through the slots provided at the doors.

- **Beaches**

- **Braai and picnic spots including those at beaches and parks**

Residents are requested to limit their visits to the municipal offices for urgent matters only and where possible, to contact us telephonically (Tel: 028 713 8000), via e-mail ([info@hessequa.gov.za](mailto:info@hessequa.gov.za)) or to use online services where available.

We encourage residents to remain calm, pay attention to official announcements made by national and provincial government and to refrain from spreading unverified or false information.

For official COVID-19 advice, updates and queries:

National Hotline: 0800 02 99 99

Provincial Hotline: 021 928 4102

WhatsApp: 060 012 3456

Western Cape website: [www.westerncape.gov.za/coronavirus](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/coronavirus)

Residents are urged to continue practicing hygiene and preventative behaviour.

- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze in the bend of elbow or with a tissue, once used throw away and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Minimizing physical contact with other people and practice social distancing.
- Stay at home and self-quarantine if experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Residents and local community organisations are once again thanked for their preventative measures that have already been introduced.

By working together and adhering to the restrictions and guidelines issued by national government, we can contain this virus and ensure the safety of our communities.

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