



**GOLD FIELDS**

# Let's Talk

BRIEF TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DEEP  
WEEK OF 21 JUNE 2022



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## COVID-19 regulations update, Wellness day 29 June, KICK your HABIT

### Dear Colleagues

**As you will be aware, the Minister of Health, Joe Phaahla, on Wednesday repealed the remaining COVID-19 regulations relating to the wearing of face masks, gatherings and persons entering the country.**

After more than 2 years, there is a sense of relief that we are slowly moving towards normal. Unfortunately, this does not mean that we have seen the end of COVID-19 or that we can now let our guard down. The one thing we do know about the pandemic is that it is highly infectious, and the risk of further waves is great, as we now see in countries that have recently repealed regulations relating to the wearing of masks. We also know that COVID-19 impacts those who have co-morbidities or other illnesses like asthma or heart disease. At South Deep we have a large number of people who are vulnerable and may have some conditions that mean their immune system is compromised.

### How do the new regulations apply to us at South Deep?

In terms of the Mine Health and Safety Act, South Deep has a continued obligation to implement measures aimed at safeguarding our people. This includes adhering to the requirements of our COVID code of practice. In the interest of the health and safety of our employees and our legal obligations, we will continue with our risk-based approach in managing the COVID-19 pandemic, which means the following:

- Continuing our Risk Based COVID-19 testing approach to identify and isolate positive cases early and timeously.
- Wearing face masks when travelling in conveyances and in areas where close contact cannot be avoided (surface and underground).
- Social distancing must be practiced as far as reasonably practical to contain any potential spread.
- On surface (open areas) the wearing of mask will be encouraged where there is a congestion of people or social distancing is difficult.
- Continued wearing of masks in meeting rooms and/ or in offices where there is congestion and where social distancing is difficult.

The health and safety of our employees remains our first Value. In this regard, we appeal to our people not to view these protocols as restrictions of our freedom, but rather as a duty of care particularly for all of us who work in crowded environments where physical distancing is difficult, and where there is a greater risk of exposure to the virus.

By making our interactions safer we protect each other, our families and communities.

### KICK your HABIT

In support of drug awareness week and SANCA (South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence) we encourage you to join the challenge and kick a habit for 1 week! Whether this habit is caffeine, tobacco, chocolate or even shopping, it is entirely up to the individual's discretion; however, it is important to consider your choice and select the habit that you can identify using on a regular basis.

SANCA was established some 66 years ago in 1956 in response to a need expressed by communities for assistance to deal with escalating alcohol and drug related problems. See the Health Corner brief attached to this WhatsApp message for more information about the challenge and about drug addiction and where to get help for yourself or anyone you know who suffers from addiction.

### Wellness day 29 June

**Date:** 29 June 2022

**Venue:** Twins Shaft

**Time:** 12h00 till 17h00

#### Screening tests and services that will be offered:

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| ● Glucose        | ● Cholesterol                              | ● Health counselling |
| ● Blood pressure | ● Social worker – counselling and referral |                      |

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# COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

	At risk		Returning to work		Risk-based sampling		Persons under investigation		Total
	This week	Total	This week	Total	This week	Total	This week	Total	
Tested 2020	0	310	0	2,550	0	7,050	0	171	10,081
Tested 2021	0	268	0	3,018	0	15,642	0	171	19,099
Tested 2022	0	18	11	1,038	170	5,941	0	29	7,026
Total Tested	0	596	11	6,606	170	28,633	0	371	36,206
Positive	0	24	0	366	3	1,954	0	277	2,621
Negative	0	572	11	6,214	167	26,622	0	94	33,502
Awaiting Results	0	0	26	26	57	57	0	0	83
Deceased	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	11	15
Active cases	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Recovery Testing	0	4	0	18	0	90	0	33	145
Employees in Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Recoveries</b>									
Recovered as per NICD	0	24	0	366	2	1,952	0	277	2,619
Recovered (back at work)	0	24	0	366	2	1,951	2	277	2,618
Unfit for Work/ Sick leave	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Medical Assessment in Progress	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not yet Assessed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Vaccination Programme</b>									
Number of 1st Jabs		4,542		91.90%					
Number of 2nd Jabs (incl J&J)		4,123		83.50%					
Booster Vaccines		1,053		21.3%					
Not vaccinated		392		8.20%					



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