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Dear Mayors

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONA PANDEMIC: EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

As you are aware, a number of measures were announced by the President on Sunday, 15 March 2020, to prevent the spread of the corona virus and to reduce the impact of the virus on our society and economy. Amongst others, gatherings of more than 100 people have been prohibited and organisers of smaller gatherings, which are unavoidable, must put in place stringent measures of prevention and control.

The purpose of this letter is to call on municipalities in the Western Cape to take the following steps in order to give effect to the measures that have been announced by the President:

Municipalities should identify all events and gatherings that are scheduled in their respective jurisdictions over the next six months.

Organisers of events and gatherings that involve more than 100 people should be notified that such events and gatherings, for as long as the prohibition on such events and gatherings remain in place, must be postponed or cancelled, notwithstanding that the organisers of such events might already have been granted the required permits to host such events.

In addition, identified events and gatherings that involve 100 people or less should not automatically continue on the basis that they do not meet the more-than-100-people threshold. Each such event or gathering must be considered on a case-by-case basis, with advice sought from the provincial health department on the risks associated with the continuation of each such event and whether the event should be cancelled or postponed, or continued with, subject to such stringent measures of prevention and control as the department may consider necessary. Municipalities must pro-actively engage with, and guide the organisers of such events or gatherings.

New permit applications for gatherings involving more than 100 people may not be approved as it would be in contravention of the measures that were announced by the President.

Decisions on new permit applications for gatherings involving 100 people or less, must be informed by advice sought from the provincial health department on the risks associated with each such gathering and whether sufficient stringent measures can be taken to prevent and control the spread of the virus.

Municipalities are encouraged to cancel or postpone all municipal events and gatherings for as long as the measures that were announced by the President, remain in place.

Further guidance in relation to the legislated requirement of public participation, mindful of the 100 people gathering limit, will follow in due course. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or require any assistance regarding the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully



A BREDELL
MINISTER

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