

COVID COMMUNICATON No. 10 of 2021

Dear Residents,

The Admin Team is slowly but surely getting back onto the road of recovery. A total of 10 staff were infected and are still recovering from their personal ordeals with Covid-19. Gail is getting stronger day by day but is still recovering at home. Please do not contact Gail. We therefore request that you direct any of your queries, matters that you need to discuss etc. to a member of the Management Team – Haley - haleyh@randjesestate.co.za, Jayne - jayne@randjesestate.co.za, Nitasha - nitasha@randjesestate.co.za and Pierre - pierre@randjesestate.co.za, will do their best to assist you. It may take the Team a day or two to get back to you, however, please understand that the Team is still in a recovery phase. At this time we need Gail to focus on her recovery!

President Ramaphosa addressed the nation on Sunday evening and announced that we are moving to adjusted alert level 4 lockdown restrictions from Monday 28 June to 11 July 2021, in an effort to combat the highly infectious and fast spreading surge of the Delta variant of Covid-19. President Ramaphosa went on to add that South Africans have grown complacent in following regulations, which has also led to an increase in cases.

South Africa reported 15,036 new cases on Sunday, taking the total number of active cases to 158,998. **Gauteng has reported more than 60% of these cases**, with numbers rising rapidly in all other provinces as well. Gauteng has consistently had 60% of the total number of countrywide daily cases reported for the past week. This has put an enormous strain on health care services. So much so that hospitals have been cancelling all elective surgeries and the like. Our health care centres need to be focussed on the Delta surge sweeping through Gauteng right now.

President Ramaphosa said that this third wave could last longer than the first two waves, which lasted for 15 weeks and 9 weeks respectively.

There is also emerging scientific evidence that people who have previously contracted the Beta variant can still contract the Delta variant.

We encourage all Residents to continue to wear their masks, to observe social distancing and to restrict their movements for essential items only.

To highlight below is a summary of the adjusted alert level 4 and the restrictions pertaining to Randjes Residents from 28 June to 31 July 2021: -

Please note that the Randjes lockdown as communicated in Covid-19 memo number 7 is in effect till 31 July 2021.

It is compulsory for you to wear a face mask that covers your mouth and nose properly.

1. Visits to old age homes, care facilities and other congregant settings will be restricted. With the advent of a Covid-19 case in Mid-Care on Saturday, Fleming House and Resthaven have gone into hard lock down. Furthermore the no visitors rule on the Estate will apply till the end of July 2021. Families and friends will only be allowed in emergencies, and these will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by Matron Jayne and her nursing staff. Your co-operation and understanding in this regard is appreciated. We need to keep not only you, our Residents safe, but also our Teams and their families who are bearing the risk of being at work to ensure that our essential services are still being delivered to each and every Resident.

The only exception to this restriction will be for the 15 new Residents moving onto the Estate within the next 2 weeks. They will be permitted to have their movers, family/friends assist with their move. They have been briefed to adhere to our Covid protocols currently in place. Moving residence is permitted under the adjusted level 4 regulations.

2. A curfew is in place from 9p.m. to 4a.m. and all non-essential establishments will need to close by 8p.m.
3. The maintenance Team will continue to be attending to ***essential*** emergency maintenance. They will enter your units in full PPE attire for your protection as well as to protect themselves and their families. Staff who can work from home, may do this from time to time during this lockdown period. This does not affect service delivery in any way.
4. All gatherings – whether indoors or outdoors are prohibited. These include religious, political, cultural and social gatherings. Randjes Residents, please do not arrange private gatherings on your patios, services etc at your homes during the next couple of weeks. These events can become super-spreader events and we all need to work together to prevent this from occurring.
5. Funerals are restricted to a maximum of 50 people. No night vigils or post-funeral gatherings are permitted.
6. Because of the burden of infections in Gauteng, travel in and out of the province for leisure purposes will be prohibited. This does not include work, business or commercial travel, transit through airports for the transportation of goods.
7. If you are currently not in your place of residence, you will be allowed to return home to or from Gauteng. Randjes Residents will need to be in a strict 10-day isolation period upon returning to the Estate.

Second Vaccine roll out at Randjes

The second round of vaccines is still scheduled to go ahead in the last week of July at this stage. We are still expected to take delivery on 23rd July. If this changes we will let you know.

Capturing on the EVDS system has commenced. At this stage we only have 2 access logins and do not expect more. Jayne and Janine have been granted access and are in the process of capturing the data for over 400 Residents and support staff. The process is tedious and time consuming, however Jayne and Janine are busy with it.

We suggest that those Residents who have had their first dose of the vaccine at Randjes, receive their second dose at Randjes as well. This will make it easier for you to obtain your EVDS vaccination card when these are to be handed out to all Residents.

If you have received an SMS from your medical aid, please confirm if this is for a *first* dose or a *second* dose. Remember your details are still being captured, therefore other entities will not have the details of your first dose as being administered. We have a representative from the DoH who is managing the vaccination date for Randjes and we need to trust that their processes are correct.

Residents in isolation / recovering from Covid-19

We currently have 11 Residents (whom we are aware of) from independent living who are either isolating or recovering from Covid-19. We are awaiting the results of a further 2 tests for Residents on the Estate. We wish these Residents a speedy recovery and to take extra care and rest during this time.

Transport to and from shops

We implore Residents to enlist the assistance of family and friends to do your shopping either online (Checkers Sixty60, Pick n Pay online, etc) or personally on your behalf and have it dropped off with Security, who will then deliver to your home after sanitizing. Family and Friends are also welcome to drop off prepared meals etc, so long as these are in well-sealed containers as Security will sanitise it before delivering to you.

You can also arrange for your medication to be delivered.

We will only be doing 2 shopping trips per week: on Wednesdays to Balfour Park Mall and on Fridays to Norwood Mall. This is effective from this week Wednesday 30 June. Please remember that the number of Residents allowed per shopping trip is limited to 5 and NO MASK NO ENTRY.

Transport to doctors and medical appointments will be attended to on an essential services basis. Please reschedule your appointments to a time when it may be a little safe to attend to these.

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Other Services still on offer at Randjes

- The post rooms are open to collect your mail. Please remember only 1 Resident at a time.
- PerkUp Coffee Shop is selling take-away meals and essential items from the coffee shop patio. Unfortunately no sit-down meals are allowed at this time.
- Coupon take-away meals from the coffee shop patio is also available. Please book by putting your name down at the Resthaven dining room or by calling Sister Joy / Grace on 011 887 7319.
- The laundry is operating as per normal. We encourage Residents to use this as an opportunity to take a walk and to safely enjoy the outdoors for a bit whilst delivering your laundry.
- The Library committee has requested that the library remain closed until further notice.

We know that the lockdown situation is extremely frustrating and impacts negatively on our social well-being, however at this time we really need to focus on getting through this third wave. So that one day soon we will all be able to enjoy a get together in our beautiful gardens or special moments with our loved ones.

Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today



Please remember to keep safe, wear your mask and sanitize regularly..

With kindest regards

From the Management Team on behalf of Gail Kruger