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TO: BOARD, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF MEMBERS AT RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

CONTAINMENT MEASURES FOR COVID-19 AT RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, PROTECTIVE WORKSHOPS AND DAY CARES FOR PERSONS AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Following President Cyril Ramaphosa announcement on Sunday, 15 March 2020, the following containment measures are to be implemented with immediate effect to prevent and mitigate the spread of Covid -19.

1. Containment can be achieved by implementing the following:
 - All Residential Facilities for Persons with Disabilities, Protective Workshops and Day Care Centres providing services to persons with disabilities must apply hygienic and safety protocols;
 - No visitors for 30 days to residents at Residential Facilities, residents visiting families to return after Easter Weekend;
 - Intake at residential facilities to be isolated until proper tests are conducted;
 - Those found to be positive of COVID 19 (residents, beneficiaries and personnel) to be managed as per WHO guidelines
2. The Department of Social Development encourages Day Care Centres and Protective Workshop to close till the 15th April 2020, those that are not able to do so to apply strict hygienic and safety protocols. It is imperative and urgent that all persons with disabilities follow these steps:
 - Wash your hands properly and well, for 20 seconds every half an hour
 - Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your arm, and bin dirty tissues straight away
 - Keep a distance between yourself and others
 - Do not touch anyone, and do not touch your own face unless you have just washed your hands
 - Stay at home if you can, and especially if you feel any signs of illness
3. The monitoring of the containment of the pandemic will continue and the Department will advise accordingly.

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