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ATTENTION: All Board members, management, staff and volunteers of SANCA

RE: LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES FOR SANCA TREATMENT CENTRES-27th March to 16th April 2020

After the announcement last night by President Ramaphosa for a national lockdown from Thursday, 26th of March after 24h00 to the 16th of April 2020, SANCA National wants to suggest that the following measures could be implement:

1. To all In-patient; Out-patient and community-based treatment centres that are temporary closing on Friday, 27th of March 2020, please notify your DSD representative of your processes being followed and what you are putting in place to support clients during the 21 days.
2. Medical services to outpatient service users for methadone or suboxone must be administered with the following conditions:
 - Responsible family member to administer the medication to the service user after signing an agreement with the Centre;
 - Nursing sister to be available once a week to check vitals and progress of the service user and to provide medication for another week; and
 - Emergency services to be provided to service users through on-call rosters or online support.
3. All Inpatient centres:
 - To stop all admissions immediately especially if you are not able to isolate the new clients for 7 to 14 days in your Centre;
 - To discharge clients on request from them and with the involvement of the family/support system;
 - To give early discharged clients option to be re-admitted after the 16th of April;
 - To follow isolation practices for re-admissions after the lockdown period;
 - To keep to the stringent precautions for sanitisation and reduction of infection of the Covid-19 virus for all clients and staff; and
 - To notify the local and provincial DSD of the process followed.
4. We advise that due to this extra-ordinary circumstances that the lockdown days not be taken from the annual leave, sick leave or unpaid leave of staff for the SANCA Centres that have temporarily closed. All leave taken before Friday, 27th of March will be considered annual leave or when staff take leave when their Centres are open.

Together we need to manage the risks of contracting the virus and keeping our clients and staff's best interest at heart.

Yours sincerely



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