

Covid-19:
Update of important information
Opdatering van belangrike inligting
Covid Communique 22 (28 April 2020)

Dear Industry Representative,
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1. Transport of seasonal workers

Last week, we distributed protocol documents that were clarified with the SAPS for the transportation of seasonal workers back to their homes on completion of their contracts. It was brought to our attention today that the Dept of Health in the Eastern Cape specifically stopped workers from the Ceres area in Aderdeen.

We want to emphasize that the protocol is VALID and is ACCEPTED as a travel document. However, the Dept. of Health may do additional tests, which could lead to delays in Aberdeen. Such workers are apparently housed in B & B's for an additional two days at the expense of the department. We would therefore like to suggest that, wherever possible, employers should ask the Dept of Health, to conduct additional "screening" of workers before

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1. Vervoer van seisoenswerkers

Ons het verlede week 'n werkswyse/protokol wat met SAPS uitgeklaar is vir die vervoer van seisoenswerkers terug na hulle huise (wat hulle kontrakte voltooi het) versprei. Dit is vandag onder ons aandag gebring dat die Dept van Gesondheid in die Oos-Kaap spesifiek werkers vanuit die Ceres-area in Aderdeen gestop het.

Ons wil beklemtoon dat die protokol GELDIG is en AANVAAR word as reisdokumente. Die Dept van Gesondheid mag egter wel addisionele toetse doen, wat tot vertragings in Aberdeen kan lei. Sodanige werkers word skynbaar vir 'n addisionele twee dae op die departement se onkoste in ondermeer B&B's gehuisves. Ons wil dus voorstel dat waar dit enigsins moontlik is, werkgewers die Dept van

workers travel, in order to avoid delays as far as possible.

2. Level 4

Hortgro, as part of the bigger agri family, gave input and feedback to government officials regarding Level 4 that kicks in on Friday. At present, we can only wait for feedback and hope that our input is taken to heart. New regulations must first be made public in the Government Gazette before they can be applied. We will keep you informed of developments.

3. Many farming activities are now continuing and we urge everyone to follow guidelines regarding COVID-19:

- From Friday the wearing of masks will be compulsory.
- Availability of hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol content or soap and water.
- Make sure that Covid-19 is part of your risk assessment.
- Social distancing should be maintained in orchards and packhouses and in the transport of workers; are there markers on the floor of vehicles where people have to sit / stand.
- Masks for drivers
- Transport (how many people per vehicle, etc.) make sure the regulations are complied with. Private transport has been adjusted to 60% capacity. Public transport, taxis and buses, may carry 100% capacity, but then everyone must wear masks; without masks - public transport, 70% capacity applies. Public transport operating times (05h00 to 10h00 and 16h00 to 20h00).

Gesondheid moet kry, om voordat die werkers in die pad spring, addisionele "screening" van werkers te doen sodat sodanige verdragings en voorvalle sover as moontlik vermy kan word.

2. Vlak 4

Hortgro het as deel van die breër landbougemeenskap, insette op die konsep Vlak 4 raamwerk wat eerskomende Vrydag in werking tree, gegee. Ons wag nou op terugvoering en hoop dat ons insette ter harte geneem sal word, oa ook mbt die voorgenome aandklokkeël met landbou wat in baie opsigte 'n 24/7 besigheid is. Nuwe regulasies sal eers in die Staatskoerant moet verskyn, voordat dit toegepas kan word. Ons hou u op hoogte, soos dinge ontwikkel.

3. Heelwat plase hervat weer boordaktiwiteite. Let veral op die volgende:

- Maskers is vanaf Vrydag verpligtend.
- Besikbaarheid van handsaniteerders met minstens 60% alkohol inhoud of water en seep om hande te was.
- Sorg dat u 'n Covid-19 deel uit van jou "risiko-bepaling".
- Sosiale afstande moet gehandhaaf word in boorde en pakhuse en vervoer van werkers; sorg dat daar merkers op vloer van voertuie is, waar mense moet sit/staan.
- Maskers vir bestuurders van voertuie.
- Vervoer (hoeveel mense per voertuig, ens.) Maak seker dat daar aan die regulasies voldoen word. Privaatvervoer is aangepas na 60% kapasiteit. Publike vervoer, m.a.w. taxi's en busse mag 100% kapasiteit vervoer, maar dan moet almal maskers dra; sonder maskers vir publieke vervoer geld 70% kapasiteit.

- Training is provided to workers on COVID-19 and records of such training are kept
- Are transport permits in place; for each individual
- Evidence that the Health & Safety Committees meet regularly on the pandemic and that they sign off on sessions.

4. Guidelines for orchard and packhouse activities

Orchard protocols:

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/ghc-covid-19-harvesting-measures.pdf>

Packhouse protocols:

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/ghc-covid-19-packhouse-measures.pdf>

5. General questions and

answers: <https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/faqs-4c.pdf>

6. What to do, if you suspect someone is COVID-19 positive:

- The management/worker should contact the Government on the COVID-19 hotline - 0800029999 - to report a possible positive case so that the government can take steps for testing.
- Management should support the employee to follow protocol and get tested as soon as possible.
- It is the obligation of each one to report illness and self-quarantine for 14 days, if suspected that he/she might be infected with COVID-19.
- The farm should identify quarantine and self-isolation area on the farm that meet the necessary hygienic

Maak seker oor tye van publieke vervoer (05h00 tot 10h00 en van 16h00 tot 20h00).

- Word opleiding aan werkers verskaf oor COVID-19 en word registers gehou van sodanige opleiding
- Is vervoerpermitte in plek; ook vir elke individu
- Bewyse dat die Gesondheid & Veiligheids-komitees gereeld vergader oor die pandemie en dat hulle ingelig is hieroor.

4. Vind asseblief hieronder riglyne vir boordaktiwiteite en pakhuis tydens COVID-19 inperking

Boordaktiwiteit:

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/ghc-covid-19-harvesting-measures.pdf>

Pakhuisriglyne:

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/ghc-covid-19-packhouse-measures.pdf>

5. Algemene vrae en antwoorde:

<https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/faqs-4c.pdf>

6. Wat staan my te doen as 'n werker COVID-19 positief is:

- Bestuur/werker moet die owerhede onmiddelik inlig deur die COVID-19 nommer te bel - 0800029999 – rapporteer enige moontlike C19 gevalle sodat sifting en toetsing inisieer kan word.
- Bestuur moet sover moontlik die werker ondersteun en help om so gou moontlik getoets te word.
- Dit is volgens wet elkeen se plig om C19 positiewe gevalle aan te meld, en self-kwarantyn van 14 dae toe te pas, indien so 'n persoon vermoed

standards for people who cannot isolate or quarantine in their homes.

- Identify a room or area where someone who is feeling unwell or has symptoms, can be safely isolated until you are sure that the symptoms are not related to COVID-19.

dat hy/sy die siekte het of in inraking was met iemand van C19 positief is.

- Die plaas moet 'n kwarantyn/isolasie area identifiseer en die nodige higiëne protokolle toepas, vir werkers wat nie toegang tot self-isolasie of kwarantyn geriewe by hulle huise het nie.
- Identifiseer 'n kamer waar iemand wat sleg voel of simptome het, kan self-soleer totdat vasgestel is of die persoon C19 positief is, aldan nie.

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Remember to visit our COVID-19 web page for more

information: <https://www.hortgro.co.za/news/covid-19-and-the-deciduous-fruit-industry/>

Official SA Government information site: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>

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