



Reference: COVID-19/20200527
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Dear Principals, School Management Teams and Teachers of all public schools

(For information: School Governing Bodies)

(For information: Independent Schools)

THE MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The WCED has issued a series of Guidelines over the past 10 days.

WCED Guidelines A-E, on how to manage Covid -19 in your school, were sent to you on Sunday, 17 May 2020.

WCED Guidelines F, G, and I - M, were sent to you on Saturday, 23 May 2020.

WCED Guideline H – Managing the safety of staff with comorbidities is still outstanding.

Please see attached **N: WCED Guideline: Managing the Curriculum.**

This Guideline must be read in conjunction with **WCED Circular: 0014/2020 - Release of the revised Annual Teaching and Assessment Plans.**

As schools prepare for the return of learners in Grades 12 and 7 on the 1st of June, the above mentioned Curriculum documents will serve as essential support and guidance to teachers.

Clean and safe environments

I trust that all schools have cooperated in ensuring a clean and safe environment for the return of learners. I remind principals, as the accountable officials of schools, that all schools must have prepared a Health and Safety Plan and a School Plan to manage classes, timetables and teaching from (a) the 1st of June and (b) when additional grades return.

It is furthermore absolutely essential that all employees act responsibly and are accountable for their own safety by adhering to health and safety requirements and ensuring that their workspaces are frequently cleaned and sanitised.

I would imagine that all teachers, in this difficult time, will do their best to augment the efforts of the State in ensuring their own safety, the safety of other teachers and non-teaching staff, as well as the safety of learners.

I am aware that, besides the WCED district monitoring, there are a variety of people issuing surveys and monitoring progress of schools. Some of these surveys are asking the wrong questions about PPE delivery. Deliveries are happening in two or three waves in the Western Cape, therefore, questions on quantity of some items is not valid.

The WCED has provided sufficient masks for teachers and for the first cohort of learners that are returning. Sufficient cleaning materials that schools have either had in stock, and have been or are being augmented prior to return of learners, are in place.

The second wave of delivery of cleaning materials will commence next week, as I have indicated before.

I want to thank all principals and teachers that have, under difficult conditions, taken the responsibility of preparing the school for the return of learners on Monday.

I have been impressed by the majority of our schools that have gone way beyond the minimum requirements in making this happen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'BK Schreuder', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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