

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)

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SUBJECT: "A5" ¹ - COMMENTS ON LEVEL FOUR LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS ²

DUE DATE: 27 APRIL 2020 AT 12:00

1. DISCUSSION

We appreciate this opportunity to provide comments on the Level Four Lockdown Restrictions.

1. Please consider allowing all hardware sales to the general public in Level Four instead of waiting for Level Three. In the total population, there are not that many do-it-yourself people as a percentage. Allowing hardware sales will see an initial flurry of sales, but these people can then self-isolate for a much longer period than others as they finish projects that they started during Level Five Lockdown, but couldn't complete due to running out of supplies. Due to concerns of further restrictions (back to Level Five) or the concern for their hardware stores running out of stock, they will pre-purchase for future projects that could see them through Level Three Lockdown. This easing would also allow some additional economic activity, besides the hardware sales, for "handymen" and their helpers. This is just one step beyond what is permitted in Level Five Restrictions which allows for emergency repair work, including plumbers, electricians, locksmiths, glaziers, roof repair work. These categories of workers are already in the private homes, but could extend their stay per residence up to three days, depending upon the project. We need more exposure for herd immunity to work. We just mustn't over stretch our medical facilities too quickly.
2. We also request that video (DVD) stores be allowed to rent or service rental contracts. DVDs may appear to be an anachronism, but many of the residents in our area are older and don't have Internet connections. This renting of entertainment and documentaries is roughly in-line with the broadcasting, Information and Communication Technology, online media and entertainment services. The shop workers will need to wear gloves and spray sanitiser on each returned DVD and DVD cover, but their composition is sufficiently robust for this.
3. Please permit automatic and semi-automatic manufacturing businesses to open to 100% capacity where they can motivate social distancing can be observed, especially those with export capabilities. Even though these types of industry won't allow too much additional employment, our currency can use some bolstering in order to purchase the items that South Africa is not producing, including the raw materials for this type of manufacturing. "Other Manufacturing" is listed in the government's Risk Adjusted Strategy as the highest economic sector's contribution to GDP, but only the second highest employment contributor.
4. All large format retail stores could also be opened as their large floor space allows ample social distancing. They would need hand sanitising personnel to spray shoppers' hands and

1<https://www.gcis.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/Level%20Four%20Comment%20Form.pdf>

2<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/covid-19-risk-adjusted-strategy/>

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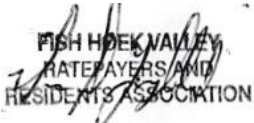
apply one metre floor marks for the queue at the checkout. For example, the larger floor sports stores could sell exercise equipment (treadmills, etc.) to keep joggers off the streets for longer.

5. Transport / logistics for e-commerce sales would be beneficial. Most grocery stores provide home deliveries. Allowing the transportation of goods bought online for home deliveries would help to keep more people at home.
6. The opening of all automotive repairs should be safe as the mechanics most often work in the engine bay and sometimes on the suspension and wheels. That is, they don't normally contact the same environmental surfaces nor do they directly contact the customers. Perhaps, any work in the vehicle's cabin should be deferred until Level Three due to the sharing of a common space.

2. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are recommended changes to the Level Four Lockdown Restrictions:

- Allow hardware sales to the general public;
- Allow video stores to reopen;
- Permit automatic manufacturing businesses to operate at 100% capacity;
- Allow large floor space retail stores to open for business;
- Allow e-commerce home delivery transportation; and
- Permit all non-cabin automotive work.

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