

The South Africa Coronavirus CivicActs Campaign (CCC) captures rumours and perceptions among communities to eliminate information gaps and debunk rumours before they can do more harm. In this Bulletin we have collected resources to assist vulnerable people during the 21 day lock down.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN MEAN?

These are the things you may and may not do:

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- Buy essential food and medicine
 - Seek medical care
 - Collect social grants
 - Use public transport from 5am to 9am and from 4pm to 8pm

YES!

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- Don't leave your house unnecessarily
 - No buying or selling of alcohol
 - No house parties
 - Do not spread fake news
 - Don't order in

NO!

Rumours → Facts



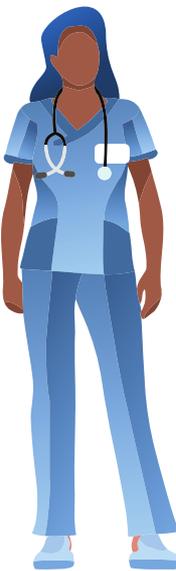
How will asylum seekers be affected by the lockdown?

Refugee centres will be closed during the lockdown but asylum seekers will not be penalised in case their permits expire during this period.



Will they have the right to access public healthcare?

Asylum seekers will still have a right to access primary and emergency healthcare even if their permits expire during the lockdown.



Can asylum seekers trust that these provisions will be applied?

There is a concern that refugees will be nervous about trying to access healthcare facilities and that not all healthcare professionals will be aware of these provisions. However, it's important for them to feel comfortable accessing healthcare, both for their own wellbeing and for the well-being of others.

SOURCE: African Centre for Migration & Society at Wits

What if I think I have coronavirus?

Do you have any of the following symptoms?

Fever

Tiredness

Dry cough

Shortness of breath?

**If so, contact your doctor or the Coronavirus Helpline
on this toll free number 0800 029 999**



Solidarity Fund 101

A Solidarity Fund has been established to help track the spread of Cov-19, care for the ill and support those whose lives have been disrupted. We hope this fund will show solidarity with vulnerable populations including refugees and migrants

Government seeded R150 million to the fund and the Oppenheimer and Rupert families donated R1 billion each. Members of the public and corporates can make tax deductible donations to the fund

The fund will be chaired by Gloria Serobe founder of Wiphold. The Fund administration will be done through professional managers and organisations in the private sector.



www.solidarityfund.co.za/

Designated Hospitals

Gauteng

Charlotte Maxeke Hospital, Parktown
Steve Biko Hospital, Pretoria
Tembisa Hospital, Tembisa

KwaZulu-Natal

Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg

Limpopo

Polokwane Hospital, Polokwane

Mpumalanga

Rob Ferreira Hospital, Nelspruit

Northern Cape

Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley

North West

Klerksdorp Hospital, Klerksdorp

Eastern Cape

Livingstone Hospital, Port Elizabeth

Free State

Pelonomi Hospital, Bloemfontein

Western

Cape

Tygerberg Hospital, Cape Town

Additional Resources

- GBV Command Centre: 0800 428 428 / *120*7867#
- Persons with disabilities, SMS 'help' to 31531
- Women Abuse Helpline: 0800 150 150
- Child line: 0800 055 555SAPS
- Crime Stop: 0860 10111 / SMS Crime Line: 32211
- National AIDS Helpline: 0800 012 322
- Suicide Helpline: 0800 567 567
- National Department of Health:
<https://www.health.gov.za>
- National Institute of Communicable Diseases:
<https://www.nicd.ac.za>
- Coronavirus Hotline: 0800 029 999
- No data no problem: <https://coronavirus.datafree.co>



ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COVID-19

Access to Justice Continues! Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic requires organisations to take measures to reduce social contact, public interest law organisations are still available to provide legal advice and support on a range of issues. See below for more information on contact details and each organisation's areas of expertise. Details may change in response to ongoing developments. Last Updated: 24 March 2020

	Organisation	In-person client consultation:	Contact information: Tel / Email	Times:	Advice on following issues:
	CENTRE FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES	Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended.	073 325 5311 matimba.hlungwani@wits.ac.za	Mon – Fri: 9h00 – 17h00	Various issues including, but not limited to, evictions, access to water, electricity, sanitation, corporate accountability broadly, sexual violence, issues affecting mine affected communities, protests, prison conditions and access to information.
	CENTRE FOR CHILD LAW	Walk-in consultations temporarily suspended.	012 420 4502 centreforchildlaw@up.ac.za	Mon – Fri: 8:00 – 16:30	Legal issues related to children's rights and wellbeing
	CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS	No walk-in client consultations.	021 447 1647 info@cer.org.za	Mon – Fri: 8h30 – 16h30	The right to a healthy environment, including pollution, degradation and climate change caused by coal mines and coal power; supporting mining-affected communities, activists and defenders.
	CORRUPTION WATCH	Walk-in consultations temporarily suspended.	WhatsApp and 'Please Call Me' line: 072 013 5569 011 242 3900 tsietsik@corruptionwatch.org.za shalatim@corruptionwatch.org.za mzwandileb@corruptionwatch.org.za	Mon-Fri: 8h00 – 16h00	Reporting corruption, advising whistleblowers.
	EQUAL EDUCATION LAW CENTRE	Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended.	0800 110 752 (Toll-free) info@eelawcentre.org.za	Mon – Fri: 8h00 – 16h00	Advice on the right to basic education and education related matters.
	LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS	Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended.	Jhb: +27 66 076 8845 Pta: +27 72 155 6384 Dbn: +27 78 315 1269 Musina: +27 72 369 8780 Upington: +27 54 331 2200 <i>* "Please call me" messages will be returned</i> Sharone@lhr.org.za	Mon – Fri: 8:30 – 17:00	Legal advice and representation to people and communities across six strategic programmes, including Refugee and Migrant Rights, Land and Housing Rights, Environmental Justice, Gender Equality, Penal Reform, and Strategic Litigation.
	LEGAL RESOURCES CENTRE	Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended.	011 038 9709 Jhb: Lucien@lrc.org.za CT: Sherylle@lrc.org.za Dbn: Sharita@lrc.org.za (Makhanda): Cameron@lrc.org.za	Mon – Fri: 9:00 – 16:00	General human rights and public interest matters.
	NDIFUNA UKWAZI LAW CENTRE	Walk-in consultations temporarily suspended	081 832 9363 disha@nu.org.za	Tues: 9h00 – 17h00 (remainder of the week calls answered depending on attorney availability). No after office hours availability.	Urban housing issues, particularly evictions, tenant-landlord disputes & displacement
	PROBONO.ORG	Walk-in service temporarily suspended, face-to-face consultation where warranted by appointment only	WhatsApp or call: Labour, Family and Wills: 067 754 3959 Housing, Deceased Estates and Refugee: 067 754 1885 Children: 067 739 8774 General Enquiries: 067 754 6334	Mon – Fri: 8:00 – 17:00	Refugee and asylum, housing, labour, family law, wills and deceased estates, children's rights
	SECTION27	Walk-in client consultations temporarily suspended.	060 754 0751 067 419 6841 komane@section27.org.za mahlathi@section27.org.za	Mon – Fri: 8:00 – 17:00	Access to health and basic education and HIV discrimination related issues. Providing advice on human rights violations in health institutions against vulnerable groups such as, women, children, the elderly, refugees and migrants.
	SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA	Walk-in consultations temporarily suspended.	Call or send "please call me": 073 226 4648 / 071 301 9676 083 720 6600 sanele@seri-sa.org	Mon – Fri: 11:00 – 15:00	Housing including evictions, sales in execution of residential property and access to basic services. Rights of informal and precarious workers. Freedom of expression and protest.
	WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE	Walk-in client consultations suspended with immediate effect until 20 April 2020 (4 weeks). Working on remote access for clients via WhatsApp, telephone, email and social media.	WhatsApp, call or "please call me": 0794218197 info@wlce.co.za	Mon – Fri: 9:00 – 17:00	Legal issues relating to women's rights (i.e Violence against Women, Women's Rights to Housing, Land and tenure, Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights, Relationship Rights, Women and the workplace)