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#### Jongste nuus oor Nasionale Ramp en invloed op skole

Die SAOU is oorval met talle navrae deur skole na aanleiding van die mediaverklaring van die Staatspresident wat verskillend geïnterpreteer kon word, nl. "...schools will be closed from 18 March 2020."

Na aanleiding van navrae by die Kantoor van die Direkteur Generaal van die DBO, word die volgende inligting gekommunikeer:

1. Die oorspronklike bedoeling was dat die laaste skooldag 18 Maart 2020 moes wees, maar as gevolg van mediaberigte is die indruk geskep dat die laaste skooldag 17 Maart 2020 is. Dit is uitgeklaar met die DBO en is die volgende terugvoering ontvang:  
*"We going to keep 18th in circular. There r problems with some schools. Those who close tomorrow won't b penalized."*
2. Skole sal weer heropen op 14 April 2020, tensy daar in die interim 'n ander afdoende besluit geneem word.
3. Die tydperk van sluiting (17de of 18de Maart) tot heropening (14 April) is eweneens op skoolpersoneel van toepassing. Die rede, sodat staat gemaak kan word op die samewerking van personeel om die verlore skooldae soos hieronder uiteengesit, te kan opvang.  
NOTA: Daar word verneem dat die skole in die Wes-Kaap sluit op Woensdag 18 Maart, terwyl in die Noord-Kaap (moontlik ook die Vrystaat) opvoeders tot Vrydag 20 Maart by die skool aanwesig moet wees.
4. Tien (10) skooldae word in die proses verloor en om daarvoor te kompenseer, word die tweede kwartaal met 'n week verleng en is die verwagting dat die Oktober-reses met twee of drie (2 of 3) dae verkort sal word.
5. Skoolpersoneel, anders as opvoeders, moet op dieselfde wyse bestuur word as wat geld gedurende enige ander skoolvakansie.

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#### Latest news on National Disaster and effect on schools

The SAOU has been inundated with numerous enquiries as a result of the media statement of the State President that can be interpreted ambiguously, i.e. "...schools will be closed from 18 March 2020."

Emanating from enquiries with the Office of the Director General of the DBE, the following can be reported:

1. The original intention was that the last school day should be 18 March 2020, but as a result of media reports, the impression was created that the last school day is 17 March 2020. This has been clarified with the DBE and the following feedback was received:  
*"We going to keep 18th in circular. There r problems with some schools. Those who close tomorrow won't b penalized."*
2. Schools will re-open on 14 April 2020, unless determined differently.
3. The period from closure (17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> March) until re-opening (14 April) also applies to school personnel. The reason, to ensure that the cooperation of staff members may be requested to ensure the catch-up of the lost school days.  
NOTE: It has come to our attention that the schools in the Western Cape will close on Wednesday 18 March, while educators in the Northern Cape (possibly in the Free State as well) must be present at schools until Friday 20 March.
4. Ten (10) school days are lost in the process, and to compensate the second term will be extended with a week and furthermore, it is expected that the October recess will be reduced by two or three (2 or 3) days.
5. School staff, other than the educators, must be managed in the same manner as during any other school holiday.
6. All mass meetings of more than 100 people scheduled for March and April must be postponed or cancelled. School tournaments are included in this prohibition.

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| <p>6. Alle massa byeenkomste waartydens 100 of meer persone aanwesig is, word verbied. Skooltoernooie is hierby ingesluit.</p> <p>7. Indien skooltoere beplan word, word dit ten sterkste aanbeveel om formeel weer skriftelike toestemming by die provinsiale departement te bekom, en om nie staat te maak op toestemming wat voor 15 Maart 2020 bekom is nie. Die risiko is doodgewoon net te hoog vir skoolhoofde en ander personeel.</p> <p>8. Daar word reeds verneem dat “kortpaaie” deur veral onafhanklike skole oorweeg word. Daar moet egter in gedagte gehou word dat onafhanklike skole onder die jurisdiksie van die Minister van Basiese Onderwys funksioneer, en verder dat die Wet op die Bestuur van Rampe, Nr. 57 van 2002, toepaslik is. Sodanige “kortpaaie” word nie aanbeveel nie.</p> | <p>7. If school tours are planned during this period, it is strongly advised that written permission from the provincial department of education must be obtained anew. Do not depend on permission that was granted prior to 15 March 2020. The risk is just too high for principals and other staff members.</p> <p>8. It has also come to the Union’s attention that especially independent schools are considering “shortcuts”. It must be borne in mind that independent schools fall under the authority of the Minister of Basic Education, and further that the Disaster Management Act, No. 57 of 2002, applies equally to them. Adherence is strongly advised.</p> |
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**To prevent COVID-19 it is safest to avoid physical contact when greeting.**  
Safe greetings include a wave, a nod, or a bow.

**How should I greet another person to avoid catching the new coronavirus?**

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**Wash your hands**

Wash your hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty

If your hands are not visibly dirty, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water

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**Protect yourself and others from getting sick**  
**Wash your hands**

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste

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**Protect others from getting sick**

When coughing and sneezing **cover mouth and nose** with flexed elbow or tissue

Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick

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**Protect others from getting sick**

Avoid close contact when you are experiencing cough and fever

Avoid spitting in public

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing **seek medical care early** and share previous travel history with your health care provider

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**STAY HEALTHY WHILE TRAVELLING**

Avoid travel if you have a fever and cough

If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing **seek medical care early** and share previous travel history with your health care provider

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**No. Regularly washing your bare hands offers more protection against catching COVID-19 than wearing rubber gloves.**  
You can still pick up COVID-19 contamination on rubber gloves. If you then touch your face, the contamination goes from your glove to your face and can infect you.

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