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# GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

**DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

**NOTICE 145 OF 2021**

## DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3), READ WITH REGULATION 69, OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002), REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION, ALL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, ALL EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of regulation 4(3), read with regulation 69, of the Regulations made under the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), as published under Government Notice No. R.480, in Government *Gazette* No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, as amended, hereby amend the Directions regarding the re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, and all Provincial Departments of Education, all education district offices and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 42, in Government *Gazette* No. 44154 of 12 February 2021, as set out in the Schedule.

**MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP**
**MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**
**DATE: 27 MARCH 2021**



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## SCHEDULE

### Definition

**1.** In this Schedule, the "Directions" means the Directions regarding the re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, and Provincial Departments of Education, and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 42, in Government *Gazette* No. 44154 of 12 February 2021.

### Amendment of direction 11 of Directions

**2.** Direction 11 of the Directions is hereby amended—

(a) by the insertion after sub-direction (1) of the following sub-direction:

"(1A) The following activities are permitted and may resume, without any spectators, subject to compliance with hygiene and safety measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19, and with social distancing measures pertaining to gatherings, as contemplated in regulation 72(6) of the Regulations:

(a) School sport matches;

(b) physical education;

(c) extra-curricular activities; and

(d) inter-school, district, provincial and national school sport tournaments.";

(b) by the substitution for the introductory paragraph in sub-direction (2) for the following paragraph:



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"(2) The following safety measures must be adhered to when resuming the activities contemplated in sub-direction (1A):";

(c) by the addition in sub-direction (2) of the following paragraphs:

"(i) A COVID-19 compliance officer must be appointed for each venue;

(j) there must only be one controlled entrance to the venue;

(k) all participants must undergo health and temperature screening before warm-up or event;

(l) any person who enters the venue must undergo the health and temperature screening;

(m) hand sanitisers must be available at the entrance gate and every person who enters the venue must sanitise their hands;

(n) participants and officials must sanitise their hands before and after a match or event;

(o) a person who leaves the venue temporarily and returns again, must undergo the process of health and temperature screening, and hand sanitising;

(p) for contact tracing purposes only, a register of all officials and learners from visiting and hosting schools who are attending a school match or event must be kept by the hosting school for at least 21 days and must contain the following information of officials and learners:

(i) Full names;

(ii) residential address;

(iii) cell phone number, telephone number or email address; and

(iv) contact details of the person or persons living in the same residence as the person attending training or a school match or event;

(q) a digital registration and health screening platform, such as the *Teacher Connect Application*, may also be used to assist with the administration of the registration process contemplated in paragraph (p);



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(r) if a person has COVID-19 symptoms or presents with a temperature above 38 degrees Celsius, that person must be refused access into the venue;

(s) the number of persons, including participants, referees, adjudicators, technical officials, volunteers, medical team, media or broadcasting team, and stadium workers, permitted at a venue at any one time is limited to—

(i) a maximum of 100 persons, for indoor venues; and

(ii) a maximum of 250 persons, for outdoor venues,

and if the venue is too small to hold 100 persons indoors or 250 persons outdoors, observing a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used, subject to strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures.

(t) teams, technical officials, volunteers, relevant stadium staff, medical staff and registered members of the media or broadcaster team must leave the venue as soon as their responsibilities are completed;

(u) social distancing and the wearing of face masks must always be maintained by persons who are not participating in matches or events;

(v) participants must always wear face masks, except when participating in an event;

(w) technical officials must report before the start of any event or competition for a COVID-19 regulations and protocol briefing session and screening;

(x) all ablution facilities must be sanitised regularly and kept clean as per COVID-19 protocols;

(y) entry to the ablution area will be regulated to adhere to social distancing protocols; and

(z) all sport equipment must be sanitised before and after use.";

(d) by the deletion of sub-direction (3);

(e) by the substitution for sub-direction (5) of the following sub-direction:



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"(5) (a) Championships, tournaments and inter-school sport matches that require learners to travel to other schools or provinces may resume without spectators: Provided that public schools are subject to compliance with the Regulation for Safety Measures in Public Schools, as published under Notice No. 1040 in Government *Gazette* No. 22754 of 12 October 2001.

(b) A list of names of all officials, learners and any other person from the visiting school must be provided to the hosting school at least three days before an event or match, for the purposes of compliance with direction 4.";

(f) by the substitution for sub-direction (6) of the following sub-direction:

"(6) Subject to sub-direction (2) and strict adherence to all social distancing, hygiene and safety measures, co-curricular and enrichment programmes, such as oral history, spelling bee, moot court, speech contests, debates and school clubs may resume activities, without spectators.";

(g) by the substitution for sub-direction (8) of the following sub-direction:

"(8) (a) Subject to sub-direction (2) and strict adherence to all social distancing, hygiene and safety measures, choir practise or rehearsals, choir competitions and inter-school choir events may resume, without spectators.

(b) In order to comply with the venue capacity, the categories permitted to participate in respect of the South African Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE) are limited to small ensembles, farm schools, special schools, female and male voices."; and

(h) by the addition after sub-direction (8) of the following sub-direction:

"(9) Regulation 80 of the Regulations applies to all public transport arrangements in relation to school events and matches contemplated in this direction.".



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**Commencement**

**3.** These amendment directions come into operation on the date of publication thereof in the Government *Gazette*.



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