

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

16 March 2020

RE: SUSPENSION OF ALL PUBLIC TRAINING

In response to the President of South Africa's address of 15 March 2020, on the state of the Corona Virus in South Africa, discouraging public gatherings and recommending social distancing, the Board of Protective Behaviours Southern Africa hereby suspend all scheduled and unscheduled public training with immediate effect, for a period of 30 days.

Furthermore, in response to the president's address calling for a change of behavior amongst all South Africans, we undertake and call on all our stakeholders to:

- Wash their hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitisers for at least 20 seconds;
- Cover their nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or flexed elbow;
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms;

Because of the severity of this virus and its rapid spreading, as well as our core focus in child protection, we see no alternative to this suspension, and thank you for your support and understanding under the circumstances. Our ethos reads "We all have the right to feel safe at all times". With this in mind we are conscious of our responsibility to support actions that may help our community stay safe.

Our Senior Trainers will be in communication in terms of the re-scheduling and postponement of future events.

Yours in safety and health,



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On behalf of the Board of Protective Behaviours Southern Africa