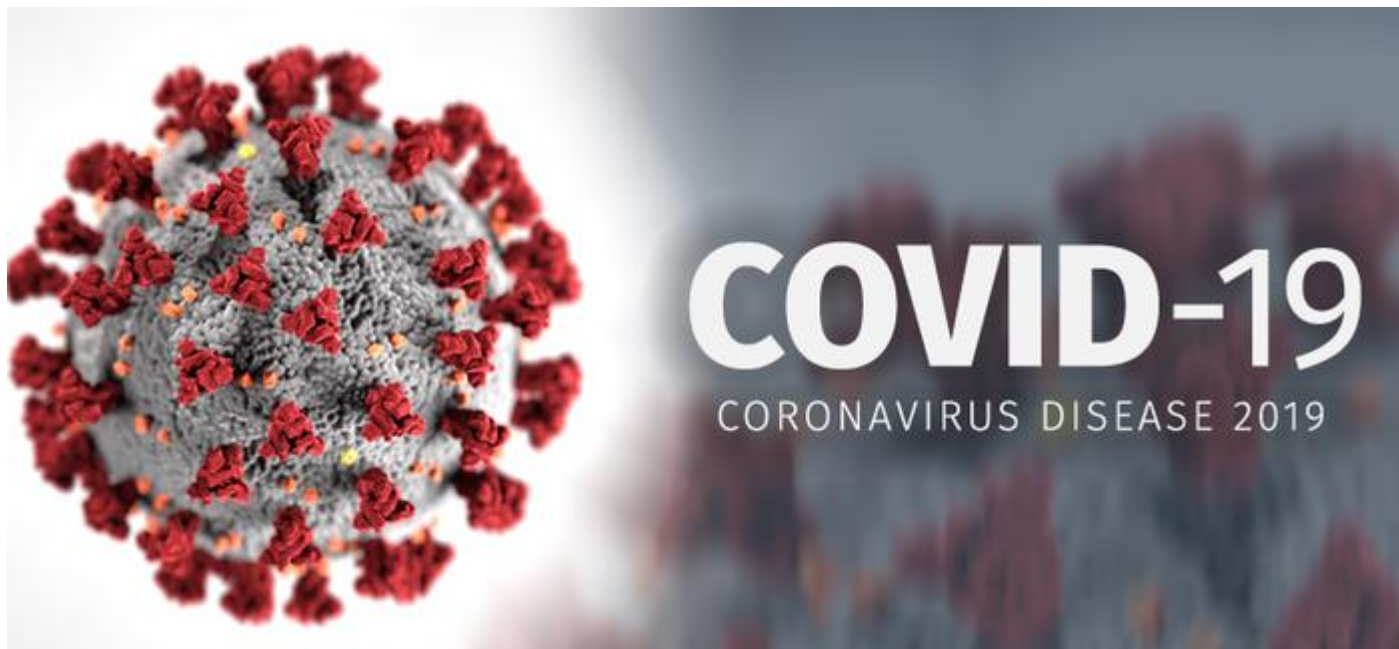




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Dear MFSa Member

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The MFSa is aware that there are many sources available regarding the COVID-19 Virus. Not all sources are credible. We suggest that you consider the following sources for updated information:

The Department of Health has launched a website specifically on the Corona virus. Simply insert <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/> into the web browser and enter.

The Government has also set up an automated WhatsApp group to provide credible and factual details around COVID-19 (Corona). Simply add the number 060 012 3456 to your WhatsApp, type “HI” in the message block and send. There will be an automated response and you can regularly get an update on this format.

The Government Emergency Hotline is 0800 029 999.

The website of the National Institute for Communicable Diseases can be found at:
<http://www.nicd.ac.za/covid-19-update-13/>

However, this is a global issue of massive proportions and it is prudent to know what the situation is in the rest of the world. Consider the following sources for updates:
The World Health Organisation. Simply insert the following into your web browser:
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

There is also a coroner Virus Live Tracker with global information. This is available on WhatsApp as well. See <http://corona.tuply.co.za>

These sources will assist you in following the COVID -19 epidemic as it unfolds. However, the situation continuously changes as new information is reported. The Media is therefore an important source. Nonetheless, be careful not to overreact or to get caught up in the hype or hysteria that may ensue, but ensure the safety of you, your family and clients by applying the directives of Government and sound judgment.

**Best wishes,
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