

Response from Western Cape Department of Health regarding COVID-19 infections in two care facilities for older persons

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“We have made guidelines available to all sectors on their role and it is for them to implement these safety measures. If you believe that a business/institution is not following the health guidelines in place to stop the spread of Covid-19, you can report it using this online form:

coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/covid-19-business-safety-complaint-form

The Western Cape Department of Health closely supported by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, have published guidelines which provide guidance to various sectors in terms of their role in the safety of their workforce and clients. The document provides guidance to prevent the spread of the coronavirus in the workplace and what to do when dealing with infected persons.

Ultimately each sector, employer and institution should ensure the screening (and potential testing) of their own employees and clients - this includes Old Age Homes through the support of Social Development.

It is imperative that every business/institution that is operating now, or which opens under the new approach to the lockdown, abides by these guidelines, and implements the necessary health and safety measures as instructed by national government. The readiness of every work place is both a health, but definitely a business consideration.

To download the full set of guidelines for sectors, click here

<https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/files/atoms/files/Preventing%20and%20managing%20coronavirus%20infection%20in%20the%20workplace%20-%206%20May%202020.pdf>.”