

NEWSLETTER

Friends, Family and Colleagues

The Covid-19 Pandemic has played havoc during the year 2020/2021 with World economies and the lifestyles of everyone. This lifestyle is now referred to as the new normal.

More than 137 million cases of infection have been recorded while approximately 3 million people succumbed to the virus infection. South Africa recorded 1.6 million cases of infections by the virus while 53 000 patients have succumbed to it. At present an increase of up to 1 000 new cases are recorded daily with a possible outbreak of a third wave and variant of the virus already causing havoc elsewhere.

The roll out of a vaccination program locally is progressing slowly while 288 400 health workers have been inoculated against the virus. Persons 60 years and older can now register with the Department of Health on their website to be inoculated. Huis Genot will register our Residents as soon as the directive to register is obtained from the Department. **It is important to please provide written approval / refusal to Huis Genot in order to proceed with registration and inoculation of Residents.**

Scientists suggest that 40 million South Africans should be vaccinated in order to obtain group immunity.

The South African economy has already experienced a recession when the Covid-19 Pandemic surfaced during the end of 2019. Millions of jobs were lost and the heavily burdened Government and Private sectors were struggling in order to financially survive. The SA Rand weakened to a very low level, but has lately recovered well, especially against the USA Dollar, while the price of fuel soared.

The enormous pressure on the local economy also hugely influenced the cash flow of Huis Genot. Government subsidies were reduced by almost 25% and only 45 Residents each qualified for a R2 000-00 subsidy payment per month. Necessary fundraising was also not allowed due to lock down regulations.

Financially the Home's most devastating blow however developed when the take in of new Residents was not allowed due to lock down regulation, since 21 March 2020. This resulted in a loss of almost R1 million of income for the year and a further R590 000-00 due to the reduced subsidy payment from Government.

Huis Genot has survived the financial onslaught and while Staff did not receive a salary/wage increase, salary/wages and all monthly payments and financial commitments was strictly and on time paid too to date.

We do also not know what the future and this Pandemic hold for us and we find it difficult to implement any strategy or business plan to manage/foresee the situation. We can only apply what we have learned during the Pandemic.

We, however, will remain vigilant in order to control the virus maintaining lock down measures and daily monitoring of our Residents and Staff.

Huis Genot remains confident about the future and dedicated to remain the provider of choice of a home to our older and frail older persons in the Mandela Metro.

We thank you for your continued, loyal assistance and prayers.

Management Huis Genot