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THE FULL NATIONAL LOCK-DOWN BEGINS MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH, AND WILL CONTINUE FOR 21 DAYS.



WHAT IS A LOCKDOWN?

A lock-down is an emergency protocol that requires South Africans to stay at home except for essential purposes. Grocery stores, pharmacies, banks and other essential industries will remain open. All non-essential activities are suspended.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A LOCKDOWN?

The nation-wide lockdown is necessary to fundamentally disrupt the chain of transmission (of the virus). It will prevent the spread of the virus and save lives.



WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO UNDER LOCKDOWN?

You will be able to seek medical care, buy groceries, visit the pharmacy, access banking services, get petrol, collect social grants.



WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU BREAK THE RULES?

Anyone breaking the rules could be punished with imprisonment for up to one month without a fine.



CAN YOU GO TO WORK?

A list of essential services will be published including pharmacies, banks, supermarkets, petrol stations and health care providers. Companies that are essential to the production and transportation of food, basic goods and medical supplies will remain open.



SHOULD YOU STOCK UP NOW?

Grocery stores and banking services will remain open throughout the lockdown period.



WHAT IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY?

Emergency services, including doctors, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies, will continue to operate as usual.