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COVID-19 news from SAMED, Government and Abroad.

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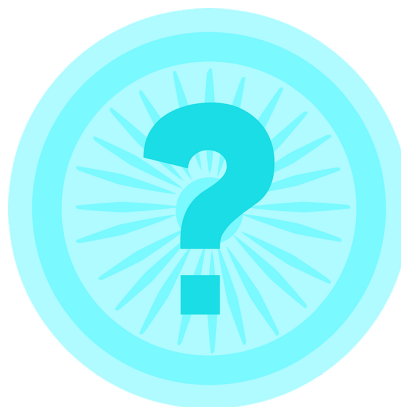
There are still many questions as we navigate this very difficult time for our industry and our nation. SAMED fields a number of queries daily. In order to assist members, we have compiled an FAQ document which members can refer to for answers to some of the frequently asked question. This can be found on the SAMED website together with other FAQs under the library.

See the COVID-19 FAQ section [here](#).

Download the most recent SAMED FAQ [here](#).

DO YOU HAVE A
COVID-19
QUESTION OR
QUERY?

Please visit the [FAQ Section](#) of our library as it provides answers to many of the frequently asked questions we receive.



What must I do to prepare my workplace and have staff return to work?

There are now Occupational Health & Safety Measures that all businesses, apart from health facilities and practices, must adhere to. This applies to those who have been supplying essential goods this far, as well as those that may partially re-open from level 4 and down.

Download the directive [here](#)

You can also find useful tools on the [Return2Work website](#).



BUSINESS FOR SA | COVID-19

B4SA UPDATE: SUPPORT OUR FRONTLINE HEROES BY SHARING THEIR STORIES

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond in the fight against Covid-19? Someone who has inspired you through their courage? Business for SA wants you to share their story!

Pay homage to the nurses, doctors, police, medics, cleaners, testers, public servants and all the people



Support our frontline heroes by sharing stories of bravery using #SpreadCourage

- 1** Tell us about a frontline worker whose actions of courage have inspired you.
- 2** WhatsApp us a photo of them, wearing a mask to 063 940 0548 or email courageiscontagious@businessforsa.org

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NHLS Testing Laboratories and Contact Details for the Public

The National Health Laboratory Services have published a contact sheet with all their testing facilities broken down by province. If you want to know who to contact in your area, download the list [here](#).

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The SAMED Library is a dedicated resource for all COVID-19 related updates, regulations, notices and news.

All SAMED COVID-19 updates and related information can be found here.

[CLICK HERE](#)

IMPORTANT SAHPRA MEDICAL DEVICE NOTICES

It is imperative to first read the notices as the regulatory is currently being inundated with calls and queries which are covered in these notices.

- [Specification criteria for COVID-19 serological test kits](#)
- [Joint Communication-Regulatory Status of Equipment Used to Help Prevent COVID-19](#)
- [NRCS media Release – Standards for Masks and Disinfectants](#)
- [Regulatory Requirements for the manufacture, distribution or wholesale of Serological COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits](#)
- [SAHPRA clarifies the issue of COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits](#)
- [Medical devices including IVDS requirement for supply in light of COVID-19 pandemic](#)

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SAHPRA MEDICAL DEVICE CONTACTS

SAHPRA has launched a COVID-19 Medical Device Hotline to deal with COVID-19 related queries.

- 084 220 8037
- 072 993 2273
- 078 281 6334

For queries on COVID-19 please email mdcovid.@sahpra.org.za and all other regular medical device queries can be sent to MDnotifications@sahpra.org.za

For general licensing queries: June Searela june.searela@sahpra.org.za / 072 828 2416

For COVID-19 related applications: Matlapeng Shabalala Matlapeng.Shabalala@sahpra.org.za / 071 302 0409 or

Khanyisile Nkuku Khanyisile.Nkuku@sahpra.org.za / 081 854 7109

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PARTICIPATE ON BSA COVID-19 PORTAL

This effort is part of the broader SAMED collaboration with the Minister of Health via Business Unity South Africa's "Business for South Africa" initiative (BSA). During the current pandemic, up-to-date information is critical to ensure all key stakeholders in the value chain make the best-informed decisions at the right time.

The information collected on the covid19manager.co.za platform will be used to ensure supplier verification, regulatory compliance, product availability, reasonable pricing and providing the accurate and most up-to-date logistical information to the procurement department division at BSA to place orders from you and/or assist with ramping up local production. It is an automated process to help facilitate the overwhelming demand currently being experienced in South Africa during the weeks to come. The

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NOTE: THIS IS A LIVE SYSTEM SO PLEASE UPDATE YOUR STOCK QUANTITIES AND LEAD TIME AS AND WHEN THEY CHANGE.

Please see the following [link to the video](#) for an explanation of how to use the portal and click on <https://covid19manager.co.za/> to add your company and product information.

You will most likely be contacted by a member of the BSA procurement team should your information provided need to be verified or an order need to be placed. In this regard, we have put in place a security measure. The BSA procurement team will always supply you with your security code that only you have access to on the portal. See the video for reference as to where to find this code. Please never share or read this code to anyone but only have them read it back to you for validation. If at any point you feel your security code is compromised please let Tanya Vogt (tanya@samed.org.za) know and it will be reset.

We are extremely appreciative of the support and commitment of our members in fighting this pandemic.
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THE SOLIDARITY FUND

The Solidarity Fund provided more details on its purpose and mandate of mobilising and coordinating efforts and resources from all South Africans and the international community to assist most vulnerable South Africans to deal with the impact of Covid19 and the consequences of measures intended to slow its rate of infection. One of its key focus areas is a Health Response with direct support for the healthcare system, augmenting both the private and government healthcare sectors to ensure they have what they need, as well as enabling emergency supplies.

Details on how to donate are available on the Fund's website www.solidarityfund.co.za
For more information email info@solidarityfund.co.za

For offers of supply of Medicines and Medical Devices send
to covid19supplies@businessresponsecovid19.co.za
If you are seeking PPE for your hospital, clinic, or NGO please email your request
to covid19requests@businessresponsecovid19.co.za

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COVID-19 EVENTS

COVID-19 WORKPLACE RESPONSE TRAINING:

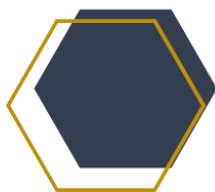
Occupational Safety & Health COVID-19 Training

AUDA-NEPAD in partnership with the African Union, Department of Health South Africa, The International Labour Organisation (ILO) and partners will be hosting a series of COVID-19 Workplace Response Training on Occupational Safety and Health for all sectors.



Training 1: 18 May
10h30 -12h30
(GMT+2)

Setting up coordination team and workstreams



Training 2: 20 May
10h30 -12h30
(GMT+2)

Epidemiology and management of COVID-19 in the workplace



Training 3: 22 May
13h30 -15h00
(GMT+2)

Return to work post COVID-19 illness & lock-down



Training 4: 25 May
10h30 -12h30
(GMT+2)

Implications of COVID-19 in the workplace: OSH Context

Download the Training Flyer with registration links [here](#).

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EKA SNAP SESSIONS: COVID-19 & PRIVACY

Elsabe Klinck and Associates has scheduled another evening snap session

- COVID-19 & privacy: 28 May, 18:00

Download the form [here](#).

OMMIA HEALTH COVID-19 VIRTUAL EXPO

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industry...join us for this **free-to-attend virtual expo** – [Omnia Health Live](#)

Omnia Health Live are bringing together the global healthcare industry, for the largest virtual gathering ever seen before, a whole new concept planned from the ground up to be more diverse and accessible, **taking place 22-26 June 2020.**

Ready to be part of this exhilarating new journey? [Join the experience here](#)

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