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BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY



PROGRAMME

14:00 Opening
Marlon Burgess, SAMED COVID-19 Working Group Business Sustainability Lead

14:10 Maximising UIF/TIERS
Jonathan Goldberg, CEO, Global Business Solutions

14:40 Export as a trade opportunity
Francios Fouche, Trade Research Advisory

15:00 Funding mechanisms and manufacture expansions
Hawie Viljoen, Chief Director: CIC, the dtic

15:20 Ensuring a safe workplace for business continuity
Jahni de Villiers, Director, Labour Amplified

15:30 SEDA PPE & Medical Devices Cluster initiatives for sustainable business
Andrew Bam, Senior Manager, PAD & Learning, SEDA

16:00 Close

Sessions may be recorded. The link will open 15 minutes before the start of the session. Please turn off your camera and mute your microphone when joining.

Business Sustainability has become a central theme for 2020. COVID-19, the economic downgrade and interruptions in supply/trade has impacted all sectors.

Join us to unpack some of the opportunities to consider in ensuring business continuity and market sustainability.

DATE: 9 JULY 2020
TIME: 14:00 – 15:30
PLACE: Virtual Teams


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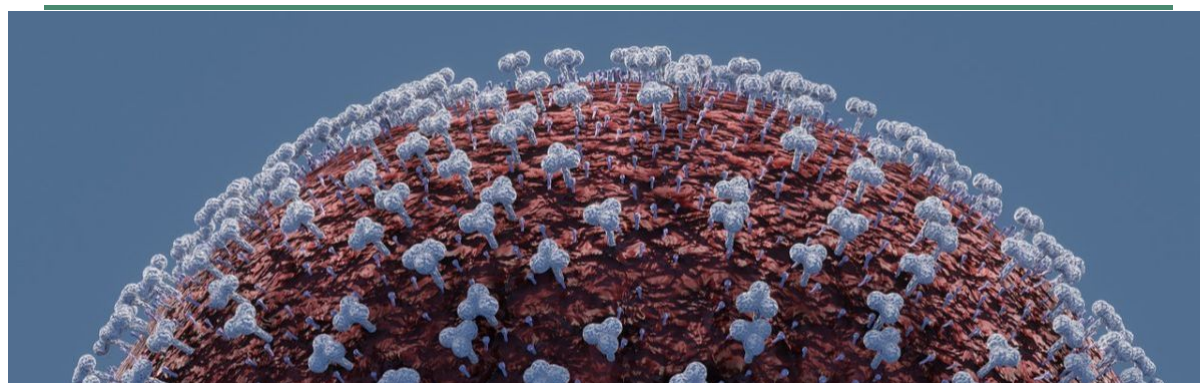
prospect that a business-as-usual approach is no longer viable. It is not just about putting in place the practical requirements of social distancing and hygiene, it requires addressing the psychological impact of the virus in the workplace.

Employees are fearful of returning to work, not only because they may become infected on their way to the workplace, in boardrooms or in their normal at work scenarios, but also because of stigma, confusion in respect of new workplace policies, and intra-workplace relations.

On Tuesday, 30 June 2020, B4SA hosted a Webinar with key mental health experts, to discuss these challenges, and how to address them. This session also touched on international learnings, the re-imagining of the workplace setting and why, in these unprecedented times, mental health should be a priority for companies large and small.

To view a recording of the webinar, [click here](#).

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REPORT UNLICENCED COMPANIES TO SAHPRA

Several members have contact SAMED about companies trading medical technologies without a SAHPRA Medical Device Establishment License. These companies are trading illegally and it is essential that they be reported to SAHPRA for investigation.

SAHPRA has published a list of licenced companies under documents on their [medical devices page](#) which you can use to check if the company has a Medical Device Establishment License before sending a report. You can download this list as at 26 May 2020, [here](#). Please ensure that you visit the SAHPRA website to obtain updates as this is an evolving list.

Report unlicensed companies by emailing: mokgadi.fafudi@sahpra.org.za

IMPORTANT SAHPRA MEDICAL DEVICE NOTICES

- [MD010 Guidance Rapidly developed ventilators 26May2020 v1](#)
- [PCR Tests Authorised for Listing by SAHPRA – 19.05.2020 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 IN-VITRO DIAGNOSTICS \(IVDS\) REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICAL DEVICES IN LIGHT OF THE 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.

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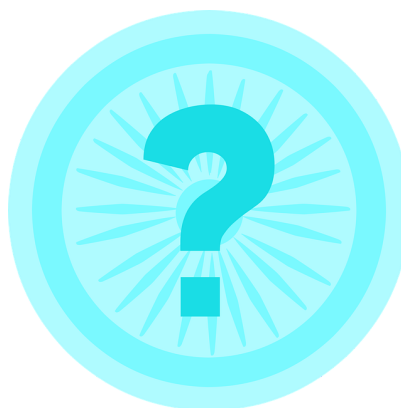
The SAMED Library is a dedicated resource for all COVID-19 related updates, regulations, notices and news.

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

**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.



PARTICIPATE ON B4SA COVID-19 PROCUREMENT PORTAL

The information collected on the B4SA 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.

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.

If you have any questions about the status of your registration, on the types of PPE and medical equipment that B4SA are procuring, if you are struggling to complete your application, or if you have any other queries, please get in touch with the B4SA support team via

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SAMED is 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 WEBINAR: LET THE CHILDREN HACE THEIR SAY

COVID-19 and the general response to it (lockdown and school disruption) has impacted on the social wellbeing and mental and physical health of everyone, especially children.

The socio-economic fall out will be felt by children as caregivers may lose income, contract the disease, possibly be quarantined or succumb to the virus. Despite this, the voices of children are hardly ever heard.

Their fears, hopes and bewilderment remain unheard and in the margins. Parents may be unwittingly failing to engage in important conversations with their children.

In this COVID-19 Connect Conversation, there will be a panel of experts in children affairs - the children themselves. Pharma Connect Africa will host an open forum and invite parents to sit with their children and listen as children talk to other children about their current experiences. Pharma Connect Africa will also have psychologists on hand to guide the conversation.

When: Thursday 2 July 2020, 14.00 – 15.30 CAT

Who: This meeting is open to any company, organization or individual

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Password: 524534

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COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS

TRACKING THE PANDEMIC

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131,209	10,943	Fatalities	1.70%	70,040
Active Cases	Relative to Population	2,657	Relative to Population	Total Tests
75,009	0.2573%		0.004521%	1,630,008

Gauteng	Western Cape	KwaZulu Natal	Free State	Eastern Cape	Limpopo	Mpumalanga	North West	Northern Cape
42,881	62,481	9,674	1,514	27,686	1,131	1,190	4,187	465
Daily Increase								
3,040	1,106	633	137	1,491	120	101	256	61

Health Minister Zweli Mkhize has warned that South Africa is on the verge of facing a spike in coronavirus cases and related deaths which [means another hard lockdown "may become necessary"](#). Speaking to Talk Radio 702 morning host Bongani Bingwa on Tuesday, Mkhize said things were "getting tough". "I wish I could say otherwise. We have warned that the surge will come, [especially] in the winter months. I'm afraid the numbers are increasing and we need people to be aware and take all the necessary precautions to try and protect ourselves."

CLINICAL, MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC

- The COVID-19 [test samples that were found strewn near the busy N2 in the Eastern Cape](#) on Monday could have infected people with COVID-19. The disturbing statement was made by Eastern Cape Department of Health Superintendent-General Dr Thobile Mbengashe on Tuesday. The health department and the National Health Laboratory Services have launched investigations into the incident. Mbengashe said the incident undermined the government's programme to fight the spread of coronavirus. He slammed the incident. "We want to assure people that it is an incident that will never happen again and should be condemned. It should not have happened."
- Anthony Fauci, director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the most trusted medical figure in that country predicted the [US could soon see as many as 100 000 new COVID-19 cases per day](#) "if this does not turn around."
- A new study revealed that in [countries that adopted the wearing of face masks early in the COVID-19 pandemic saw modest infection rates](#). The findings of researchers from the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) were published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine. According to the authors, the number of infections, as well as the severity of COVID-19 cases, may have been affected by the wearing of face masks as a protective measure in 42 countries across six continents.

ECONOMICS, POLITICS, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL

- [Gumtree has seen an increase in scams during lockdown](#) - as fraudsters try to trick sellers who are desperate for cash. The platform is especially concerned about "buyer scams", where a scammer fakes a transaction, picks up the item via Uber and disappears with the stolen goods. Pricey electronic goods are usually targeted, and motorcycles are also in hot demand.
- From black tea to bottled water, [European companies are taking a hard look at underperforming businesses](#) at a time when investors' profit expectations are already low because of the coronavirus pandemic. The consumer-goods giant Unilever launched a strategic review of the unit in January, as the coronavirus was rampaging through China's Hubei province. At the time, CEO Alan Jope described the business, which includes well-known brands like Lipton and PG Tips, as "a structural drag on Unilever's growth". In a similar vein, Nestlé is considering a sale of its US mass-market bottled water business, which includes the Poland Spring and Pure Life brands. The division globally had its worst performance in a decade last year and the North American unit, in particular, has seen competition from discount brands, as well as consumer resistance to plastic packaging.

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