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OFFICE OF THE JUDGE PRESIDENT

URGENT DIRECTIVE IN RESPECT OF RESTRICTING ACCESS TO COURT IN LIGHT OF COVID 19

The following directives will apply with immediate effect until the commencement of Term 2 (14 April 2020).

1. Save for Urgent Court matters, Judges and staff will deal only with matters that are already enrolled for hearing; provided that parties may agree to postpone matters that have been enrolled during this period. In such event, parties must alert the relevant Judge's Secretary of any agreed postponement as a matter of urgency.

2. Parties in matters that have been postponement under this Directive may approach the Judge President in writng for an expedited date for a new hearing.

3. No practitioner/messenger/union officials/employers' organization official/ member of the public may enter the Court building for purposes of issuing new process. Documents may be filed and served by e-mail and confirmed telephonically (labourcourts@judiciary.org.za) affidavit of service must also be similarly filed within 24 hours of service by email.

4. No member of the public is permitted to enter the Court building, or to attend any hearings. Only practitioners, union officials, employers' organization and litigants are permitted to attend.

5. Counsel are advised not to attend Judges' chambers for purposes of introductions. All introductions are suspended. Judges will not shake hands with any practitioners.

6. Judges who are not scheduled for sittings in Court are required to work from home.
