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TO ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS

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TERMINATION OF THE NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER.

1. On 04 April 2022, President Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the nation on termination of the national state of disaster in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. All regulations and directions made in terms of the Disaster Management Act following the declaration of the national state of disaster in response to COVID-19 are repealed with effect from 05 April 2022, with the exception of a few transitional measures.
3. These transitional measures which will automatically lapse after 30 days, include wearing of masks indoor in public spaces. All employees are therefore expected to wear masks in the workplace.
4. Going forward, the pandemic will be managed in terms of the National Health Act. The draft Health Regulations have been published for public comment.
5. Department are required to ensure that all employees return to work, however special measures should be considered for employees with known or disclosed comorbidities.
6. All Public Servants are encouraged to choose vaccination as the best line of defence against the virus.
7. Accounting Officers retain the legal responsibility to determine workplace requirements and for ensuring the delivery of the full public service array, taking into account the health and safety of employees.

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