



# SPECIAL COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS) SASBO BULLETIN: SA LOCKDOWN (7)

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Dear Sasbo Member

We hope you and your family are well and safe.

South Africa moved into Lockdown Level 3 with effect from 1 June 2020. Schools have opened from 8 June 2020 for grade 7 and grade 12 learners. We have seen many sectors of the economy that were closed during level 5 and level 4 now opened and this is indicative of a graduated and careful reopening of the economy, as indicated by the Presidency, Cabinet and Government as a whole.

According to the latest report from the Department of Health, to date almost a million tests have been conducted, 50 879 have tested positive and, sadly, the virus has claimed 1 080 lives in our beloved country. Please let us all observe a moment's silence to pray for the departed souls and let us offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the bereaved.

It is, however, encouraging to note that 26 099 (more than half) of those that initially contracted the virus, have since made a full recovery and have since tested negative for Covid-19. For this, we are immensely grateful.

We are deeply concerned with the rapid growing numbers of positive cases especially in the identified "hotspots" and in particular the Western Cape province, which now account for 33 568 or 65% of the cases and 829 or 78% of fatalities in our country.

We continue to engage with your employers in the Finance Sector in terms of your safety in the workplace and, especially during this time, in ensuring that the regulations are being strictly complied with, that all the necessary health and safety precautions are in place, whilst at the same time ensuring that our members continue to receive their salaries and incomes during this time. We remain concerned about our members who are vulnerable and we continue to engage the employers on reasonable accommodation measures, with full pay, for all our vulnerable members. Remember, we are here with you in this struggle every step of the way and know that we will get through this; we will overcome, by acting in solidarity and compassion for each other, our families, our customers, our employers and our country!

For more information, refer to the FAQ's on our website [www.sasbo.org.za](http://www.sasbo.org.za).

**We reiterate our previous request to all our members to continue wearing your face mask at all times, to maintain social distance of 1,5m between your colleagues and members of the public, to observe personal hygiene by regularly and thoroughly sanitising/washing your hands and to strictly adhere to all the health and safety risk mitigatory measures in place in your workplace in terms of the relevant regulations.**

We have come so far; let us not be complacent now and dare we falter and drop our guards.

Safety, wellness and life first!

**Modime Joe Kokela**  
General Secretary

**Malesela Moses Lekota**  
President

