

# Mayor encourages communities to adhere to Lockdown regulations



The outbreak of the corona virus has sent leaders run helter-skelter all over the place, the mayor of Senqu Municipality is no exception and has been hard at work encouraging communities to obey the lockdown regulations. She has used various media platforms to drum up the message. She has used the local radio stations, Facebook, and WhatsApp messages.

On 29 April she was on LA FM to advise the residents about the importance of hygiene as the most effective way to ward off the corona virus .The following day she visited Ekhephini in Barkly East to emphasize the message.

The Mayor is pleading with each family to take precautionary steps. As the country moves to level 3 it is in everyone's hands to take responsibility for their own health , the mayor says it is in everyone's hands



## COVID-19

### THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS THAT:

Everyone should wear **CLOTH face masks** when in public

Handwashing and social distancing still remain the most important prevention strategies for COVID-19

Members of the public should not use N-95 and surgical masks; **medical masks remain reserved only for healthcare workers.**

Call the COVID-19 Hotline: 0800 029 999  
 Send 'hi' on WhatsApp to COVID-19 Connect: 060 012 3456  
 Visit the website: [www.sacoronavirus.co.za](http://www.sacoronavirus.co.za)  
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 24 hour Call Centre: 0800 032 364  
 Website: [www.ehealth.gov.za](http://www.ehealth.gov.za)



## WAYS TO PAY YOUR MUNICIPAL BILL DURING Lockdown

Residents are urged to pay their municipal accounts at the banks, via eft and through online banking facilities please use the details below :

Name: Senqu Municipality

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Lady Grey

Account number: 28063 1308


Acc type: Business Current Account




**NB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**  
**KEEP YOUR**  
**RECEIPT.**


**PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING, STAY HOME!**

**GET YOUR FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY TOKEN ON YOUR PHONE!**  
**FROM THE SAFETY & COMFORT OF YOUR HOME**

 This service is available during the **COVID-19 Pandemic**



All indigent customers please note that you can still obtain your Free Basic Electricity tokens. Its made even easier via the **USSD** option. Please follow the simple steps! below.



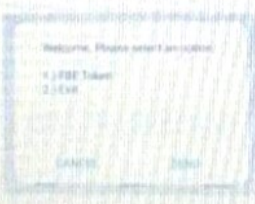
**STEP 1:**

Dial \*120\*1779#

From your mobile phone

**STEP 2:**

Choose Option 1



**STEP 3:**


Enter your meter number and press "Send"

**STEP 4:**

Token digits will be SMSed to your phone

**Important to note:**

\* Calls may be charged at standard operator rates.

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## SCREENING AND TESTING CAMPAIGN IN SENQU

On the 16th of April the mayor working hand -in -hand with the Department of Health kick-started a mass screening and testing campaign in Ward 8 Mokhesi in Sterkspruit and Nkululeko township in Barkly East. Multitudes of people flocked to Mokhesi Junior Secondary school for the launch. The turn-out was impressive. The campaign took a dimension of a door-to-door. In her launching remarks, the mayor urged people to get tested in order to know their statuses in order to prevent the spread of the disease. She concluded by saying that people must stay at home, observe social distancing, sanitize and wash hands.

## COVID - 19 PANDEMIC CALL CENTRES AND HOTLINES



Coronavirus Hotline: <b>0800 029 999</b>	National Crisis Line: <b>0861 322 322</b>	South African Police Service: <b>08600 10111</b>	Reporting undue price increases: <b>0800 141 880</b>	Child Line: <b>0800 055 555</b>	Department of Home Affairs: <b>0800 601 190</b>
Persons with Disabilities: SMS 'help' to <b>31531</b>	Support to SMMEs in distress: <b>0860 663 7867</b>	AIDS Helpline: <b>0800 012 322</b>	Department of Trade and Industry: <b>080 000 6543</b>	Suicide Helpline: <b>0800 567 567 OR</b> <b>0800 456 789</b>	Department of Water and Sanitation: <b>0800 200 200</b>
GB VF - Related service complaints: <b>0800 333 177</b>	PostBank Call Centre: <b>0800 53 54 55</b>	Gender-based Violence Command centre: <b>0800 428 428 OR</b> <b>*120*7867# (free)</b>	Department of Trade and Industry: <b>080 000 6543</b>	Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit: <b>0800 150 150</b>	Department of Tourism: <b>0860 868 747</b>
National Institute for Communicable Diseases: <b>0800 029 999</b>	Women Abuse Helpline: <b>0800 150 150</b>	National Human Trafficking Helpline: <b>0800 222 777</b>	SASSA Call Centre: <b>0800 60 10 11</b>	Presidential Hotline: <b>17737</b>	<b>WE ARE HERE TO HELP</b>

**WHATSAPP SUPPORT**  
**0600 123 456**  
**EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
**0800 029 999**  
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## INSTALLATION OF WATER TANKS IN SENQU

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South Africa is a water scarce country but notwithstanding the reality, Joe Gqabi District Municipality (JGDM) has managed to deliver 231 water tanks and water trucks from the 5th of May 2020 to the local municipalities as part of the donation from the Department of Water and Sanitation as well as other private donors.

This gesture of goodwill has significantly come at the time of need to fight the COVID-19 pandemic to enable the residents to wash their hands frequently.

The District received a total of 231 tanks from three institutions and in collaboration with the Councils of the two local municipalities, determined the ward distribution and location of the Jojo tanks for submission to the service provider installation. The number of the water tanks installed in Senqu is 100 all together and 5 water trucks have been allocated in various wards for the distribution of water.

**The following wards received water tanks and are being allocated water trucks:**

- \* Ward 1 (15 villages)
- \* Ward 5 (9 villages)
- \* Wards 6,7,8,9 and 13 have received a water tank,
- \* Ward 17 (5 villages) in Sterkspruit.
- ◇ Senqu Municipality has availed its own water carting truck to the district to be used for the filling of the Jojo tanks / water tanks.

**STAY  
HOME**

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In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 one of the safety measures is to wash your hands more frequently and the municipality has prioritized water and made water tanks available in different wards. The municipality is making a clarion call to communities to heed the message of the President. It is all in our hands to defeat the virus. In conclusion, the mayor has said that the lifestyle of each person is the best weapon against the pandemic.





**Do not enter a taxi without sanitizing and wearing a mask**

- Minister Zweli Mkhize  
Nqadu Great Place in Willowvale, Eastern Cape

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## DECONTAMINATION OF STERKSPRUIT TAXI RANK



MEC of Transport Weziwe Tikana-Gxothiwe launched a disinfection campaign at the taxi rank and In support of the initiative ,the mayor together with department of Transport embarked on a disinfecting campaign of taxis and sensitizing the taxi operators on transport regulations :

Road based public transport services are permitted to operate from 05:00 until 19:00 with a grace period of one hour in the afternoon .

No person is allowed to use public transport without wearing a mask

Loading capacity for minibus taxis remains at 70% passengers.

Travel between provinces, metropolitan areas and districts is prohibited.

Workers who have to commute between the areas on a daily basis, attendance of funerals and transportation of mortal remains will be exempted from this.

## Maintaining social distance in pay points

The standard recommendation to curb the spread of the covid-19 includes frequent washing of hands with an alcohol based hand sanitizer, hand rub or soap and water. covering your nose and mouth and avoiding close contact with anyone.

The Municipal employees took it upon themselves to the process runs smoothly by ensuring social distance is maintained In SASSA grant payment queues by placing chairs in between the people. Social distancing or simply put physical distancing is the best ammunition against the spread of the virus. It cost no money.





## 2020/2021 IDP/BUDGET DRAFT SHARED WITH COMMUNITIES VIA LOCAL RADIO STATIONS



Due to the Covid-19, the municipality could not hold its IDP/BUDGET Draft the traditional way. However, amid the situation it still has an obligation to ensure that the communities are consulted using alternative methods of such as media platforms. The IDP./Budget draft consultation process was done jointly via LA and EKHEPHINI FM on 18 May 2020 at 18h00.

## TO THE GOOD SAMARITANS



The Mayor of Senqu Cllr N. Mposelwa would like to pass a message of appreciation to everyone who has donated and those who are still donating during time. Your gratitude means a lot our communities.

