

7<sup>th</sup> July 2021


Dear Finsbury Colleagues,

Amended Alert Level 4

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the pandemic is severe and experts are predicting that this wave will continue for a month and even beyond. We will do well to be extra cautious during this period.
2. As a country, we have a challenging road ahead to vaccinate 40m citizens that is the target figure to achieve herd immunity. The daily rate of vaccinations will reach 250,000 this week; this is almost double the rate from last week. It is important that those who are eligible do register and then follow through to obtain vaccinations.
3. The WHO now recognises the pandemic as an air-borne disease. So, in addition to the C-19 protocols that we know so well, ventilation is an equally important measure to follow. For many of us this may be difficult during cold weather and when using public transport.
4. In June, two Finsbury houses reported that guests tested positive on their return home and have recovered. Although these persons had contact with Finsbury personnel, none of the latter was infected. All other members of the Finsbury Team are well.
5. You will recently have received a circular from Don regarding the C-19 protocols to be followed when visiting Finsbury during Level 4. We thank members and their guests in advance for their support in this connection.
6. Finsbury Estate is open to members although interprovincial travel to and from Gauteng for leisure purposes is currently prohibited. And just when open air is recommended!

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7. Don and the field staff are making steady progress with the winter programme and restoration work on the rivers. Initial work along the Spekboom section has been completed. Good progress is being made at S 7 on Steenkamps and activity will commence this week on Majubane. Water levels are dropping and this will help with clean-up operations.
  8. The latest lockdown regulations will be reviewed on the 11 of July. In light of the introductory remarks above, it seems probable that the current lockdown level will be extended. The Delta variant is far more infectious compared to the other variants; may we all remain safe and patient as we look forward to being together once more on Finsbury.

Regards,

Mike Beaumont

Chairman