



MANZI'S NEWSFLASH

Scientific Services COVID-19 Screening

COVID-19 has been on everyone's lips throughout the world. The virologists referred to it as a new discovery in the world of viruses and that no measures were put in place for it. It took the world by surprise and has caused a huge negative impact on the social, political and economical status of all countries. It forced large, medium and small countries to close their borders in order to try and get it under control and to stop it from spreading. These countries, whether developed, developing or underdeveloped, had to proactively respond to the potential threat the virus poses. South Africa is one of those developing countries affected and it responded early to closing its borders and regulate human movement after realising the rate at which the invisible enemy was spreading countrywide. The President initiated the National Lockdown towards the end of March with the intention to flatten the curve and the lockdown was categorized into 5 levels. Level 5 started at midnight on 26 March 2020 and moved to Level 4 at the beginning of May and Level 3 on 1 June. Many businesses have started to reopen but under strict conditions such as entering any property with facial masks, having sanitizers, being documented and being screened.

Rand Water has adhered to the rules. The level of compliance at Rand Water's Scientific Services in Vereeniging has been, and continues to be very high, where all possible measures have been put in place on the property. A few staff members volunteered and received training to conduct screening whilst ensuring that their safety is prioritised.





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The following were amongst the measures: a special room for screening; protective clothing; surgical gloves; medical temperature sensors; face shields; sanitizers (70% alcohol); colour coded stickers; and separate recording lists for Rand Water employees and visitors. Anyone entering the premises each person has to register themselves, be sanitized, screened, complete the COVID-19 screening form, have their temperature recorded, be asked about any symptoms and once cleared they get a sticker and be allowed to go to their intended venue/place of work. The process continues daily.



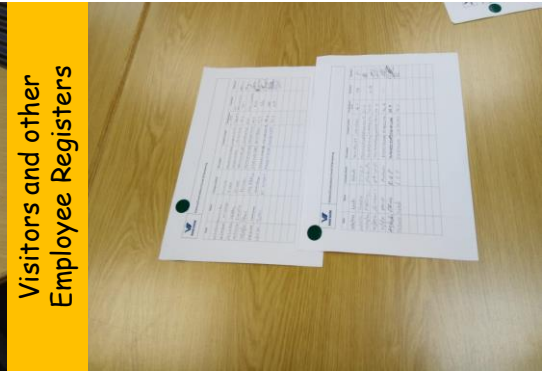
Medical Temperature Sensor



70% Alcohol Sanitiser



Employee Register



Visitors and other Employee Registers



Face Shield



Protective Clothing



Colour Coded Sticker

The success of the screening is evident. In the process, the employees and visitors are cooperative, displaying respect and commitment to have the virus controlled at all costs. Working together can help minimise the spread of this invisible enemy. Rand Water staff cannot be compromised as this is a time where water is needed the most for sanitation purposes.

