

## COVID-19: Update

The Gauteng Department of Health has published the following list of Health Workers who are regarded as essential services and who will be working during the lockdown:

- **Workers providing COVID-19 testing;** Workers who perform critical clinical research needed for COVID-19 response.
- **Caregivers** (e.g., physicians, dentists (on call), psychologists, nurses, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists and assistants, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, social workers, diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists).
- **Hospital and laboratory personnel** (including accounting, administrative, admitting and discharge, engineering, epidemiological, source plasma and blood donation, food service, housekeeping, medical records, information technology and operational technology, technicians, nutritionists, sanitarians, respiratory therapists, etc.).
- **Workers in other medical facilities** (including Ambulatory Health and Surgical, Blood Banks, Clinics, Community Mental Health, Comprehensive Outpatient rehabilitation, End-Stage Renal Disease, Health Departments, Home Health care, Hospices, Hospitals, Long-Term Care, Organ Pharmacies, Procurement Organisations, Psychiatric Residential).
- **SCM and MSD**
- **Public health/community health workers**, including those who compile, model, analyze and communicate public health information.
- **Blood and plasma** donors and the employees of the organizations that operate and manage related activities.
- **Workers who manage health plans**, billing, and health information, who cannot practically work remotely.
- **Workers who conduct community-based public health functions**, conducting epidemiologic surveillance, compiling, analyzing and communicating public health information, who cannot practically work remotely.
- **Workers performing cybersecurity functions (ICT)** at healthcare and public health facilities, who cannot practically work remotely.
- **Workers conducting research** critical to COVID-19 response.
- **Workers performing security**, incident management, and emergency operations functions at or on behalf of healthcare entities including healthcare coalitions, who cannot practically work remotely.

- **Workers who support food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, such as those residing in shelters.**
- **Workers performing mortuary services.**
- **Laundry and cook freeze services**
- **Forensic pathology**

**The PSA salutes the Health Care Workers who must continue rendering service during these difficult circumstances.**

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