

SAOA STATEMENT: ALERT LEVEL 2

On Saturday night, 15 August 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that the country will proceed to Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2 as from midnight on Monday 17 August 2020.

By definition, Level 2 is characterised by a moderate spread of infection with high levels of alert.

In practical terms, Level 2 means a further relaxation or lifting of the ban on the sale of tobacco products and alcohol (still with conditions), inter-provincial travel permitted, as is conditional visiting of families and friends, opening up of the hospitality and entertainment industries, amongst others.

It is to be noted, though, that the state of the national disaster, as declared, has been extended to 15 September 2020.

From an optometric practice perspective, it is recommended that stringent application of safety protocols at practice level continue, in accordance with the SAOA Covid 19 Safety Guidelines which include:

- Screening of staff and patients.
- Wearing of masks.
- Social distancing.
- Work from home, where possible.
- Special precautions for vulnerable employees (over the age of 60 years and/or underlying medical conditions).

Regular washing of hands and recommended sanitisation and disinfecting procedures.

STAY SAFE

Best Regards,

SAOA TEAM