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Dagsê lede

Ons is nog hier en het nie van julle vergeet nie. Ons hoop julle is almal gesond en in goeie gemoedere in hierdie vreemde omstandighede.

Die ekonomie word by die dag swakker, dit plaas die regering in 'n baie moeilike situasie – hou aan met die inperking en veroorsaak ernstige ekonomiese nood, of stop die inperking met die risiko van 'n groot toename in Covid-19 gevalle. Op hierdie stadium is dit duidelik dat die inperking maatreëls geleidelik oor tyd uitfaseer sal word.

Vanoggend vroeg nog was daar steeds nog net 5 gevalle van Covid-19 in Hessequa; maar dit is moontlik dat hierdie getal sal verhoog na intensiewe toetsing.

In Suid-Afrika was daar vanoggend 3,034 gevalle, met 52 sterftes tot vandag, maar 903 mense het ook herstel. Die dodetal is redelik laag, net effens meer as 1.7% van die getal gevalle; wêreldwyd is die dodetal 6.75% van gevalle, in die Verenigde State het dit oornag gestyg tot 5.28%.

Die Wêreld Gesondheidsorganisasie waarsku dat Afrika binne 6 maande 'n toename in gevalle tot 10 miljoen kan ondervind; tans is daar 17,000 gevalle met net meer as 900 sterftes, 'n dodetal van 5.2%.

Covid-19 in ander lande

Tans is ongeveer 58% van die wêreldbevolking ingeperk, 'n totaal van 4.5 biljoen mense.

Sommige lande in Europa lig nou beperkings geleidelik, hoofsaaklik omdat die infeksie kurwe nou uitgeplat het:

Italië – het op 9 Maart beperkings ingestel, en op 14 April beperkings begin verlig.

Frankryk – inperkings vanaf 17 Maart, dit word verleng tot 11 Mei wanneer sommige beperkings opgehef sal word.

Duitsland – inperkings is op 22 Maart ingestel, mag dalk sekere beperkings op 20 April ophef; hulle beplan om skole geleidelik van 4 Mei te heropen.

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Good day members

We are still here and have not forgotten about you. We trust that you are all healthy and in a sound mental state under these strange circumstances.

With the economy worsening daily, the government is in a very difficult position – continue the lockdown and cause severe economic distress, or lift the lockdown and risk a huge increase in Covid-19 cases. At this stage all that seems clear is that the lockdown restrictions will be phased out gradually over a period of time.

As of this morning early there is still only 5 reported cases of Covid-19 in Hessequa; but it is possible that intensive testing will raise this number.

In South Africa there are 3,034 cases this morning, with 52 deaths to date, but also 903 recoveries. The fatality rate is quite low, slightly over 1.7% of those infected; worldwide the fatality rate is 6.75% of cases, in the United States it climbed overnight to 5.28%.

The World Health Organisation warns that Africa could have a surge of cases to 10 million in 6 months; currently there is 17,000 confirmed cases with just over 900 deaths, a fatality rate of 5.2%.

Covid-19 in other countries

Currently about 58% of the world population are in lockdown, a total of 4.5 billion people.

Some countries in Europe are gradually lifting lockdown measures, mainly because the infection curve has now flattened:

Italy – introduced lockdown on 9 March, began lifting restrictions on 14 April.

France – lockdown from 17 March, extending it, but will start lifting some restrictions on 11 May.

Germany – introduced on 22 March, may lift some restrictions from 20 April; planning to open schools gradually from 4 May.

Spain – lockdown from 15 March, started reducing restrictions on 15 April, but will retain many restrictions until at least 26 April with a possible extension.

Spanje – inperkings van 15 Maart, het op 15 April beperkings begin ophef, maar behou meeste tot ten minste 26 April met 'n moontlike verlenging.

Oostenryk – het op 12 Maart inperkings ingestel, en het voor die Paasnaweek sommige opgehef, maar groot byeenkomste en feeste word tot einde Augustus verbied.

Noorweë – sal beperkings op 20 April begin ophef met 'n geleidelike heropening van skole.

Die WHO doen verslag dat daar tans 16 lande is met geen Covid-19 gevalle nie, onder hulle is Lesotho, Samoa en Noord-Korea; maar hul waarsku dat dit mag wees omdat min of geen toetse in sommige van die lande gedoen is.

Verveeld ?

As u verveeld is en brein stimulasie nodig het, kan u kyk na TED praatjies of YouTube videos. Daar is 'n groot verskeidenheid onderwerpe beskikbaar, gaan na www.ted.com of www.youtube.com. Die videos kan aanlyn besigtig word, of u kan hulle aflaai.

As julle videos kry waarin ander mag belangstel, laat ons weet en ons sal die inligting aan die lede sirkuleer.

U3A Stilbaai webtuiste

Ons webtuiste het taamlik gegroei en dit was nodig om die menu struktuur aan te pas sodat ons meer items kan inpas. Dit is nou 'n "drop-down" menu.

Die Voëlgroep seksie is redelik aktief, veral in die afgelope tyd met die C-19 Voëlfoto albums. Die Astronomie groep het nou ook 'n seksie op die webtuiste. Die groep seksies kan oopgemaak word van regs bo in die menu.

Kry ons webtuiste by: www.u3astilbaai.org.

Byt vas en bly gesond, dit is nie meer lank voordat ons hopelik effense verligting kry van die ergste aspekte van die inperkings.

Vriendelike groete

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Austria – started lockdown on 12 March, lifted some restrictions before Easter, but large gatherings and festivals banned till end of August.

Norway – will start lifting restrictions on 20 April with a gradual re-opening of schools.

WHO reports that there are currently 16 countries with no Covid-19 cases, amongst them Lesotho, Samoa and North Korea; but it warns that it could be only because little or no testing has taken place in many of these countries.

Bored ?

If you are bored and need some mental stimulation, you could view TED talks or YouTube videos. There are a large variety of subjects available, just go to www.ted.com or www.youtube.com. The video clips can be viewed online, or they can be downloaded.

If you find videos that may interest others, let us know and we will circulate the information to members.

U3A Stilbaai Website

Our website has been growing in size and it was necessary to adapt the menu structure so that we can fit in more items. It now has a drop-down menu.

The Bird Group section has also been quite active, particularly recently with the C-19 Bird Photo albums. The Astronomy Group now also has a section on the website. The group sections can be accessed from the top right in the menu.

See our website at: www.u3astilbaai.org.

Keep smiling and keep healthy, it won't be very long before the worst of the lockdown measures will hopefully be lifted.

Kind regards

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