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## **CORONAVIRUS: CONTINUED LOCKDOWN TALKING POINTS**

### ***We are all in this together.***

- All of us are experiencing hardship due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Our way of life has been impacted and we have been required to adapt to a new normal.
- However, the necessary sacrifices we are making today will ensure that we have a collective future as a nation and a people tomorrow.
- We dare not let up now or we risk losing all the gains we have made.
- The fate of our nation rests on our actions and our adherence to the rules.

### ***We need all hands on deck in this fight.***

- It is not an exaggeration to say that COVID-19 is the most serious crisis in generations.
- Our actions from the very beginning have been to save lives and preserve our way of life.
- South Africa acted swiftly and comprehensively across all facets of society.
- Our stringent measures have saved lives, helped to flatten the curve, and have bought us valuable time to fight the virus.

### ***We are gradually easing restrictions.***

- There are some who have called for restrictions to be lifted more speedily, and that is their right.
- We are committed to easing restrictions, but will do so in a measured and responsible manner.
- We will not sacrifice the gains we have made or the lives of our people by easing restrictions in a haphazard manner.
- Our alert system allows for flexibility in responding to the level of threat, and will allow us to further ease restrictions when it is safe to do so.

### ***We cannot let up now.***

- Many more people have returned to work with the gradual easing of the nationwide coronavirus lockdown.
- This has allowed for a phased recovery of the economy, without compromising the health and wellbeing of our people.
- We must continue to act responsibly as more restrictions on economic activity and daily life are eased.
- Whether as individuals, employers, employees, government, civil society, trade unions or businesses, we all have a role to play in fighting the pandemic.
- We will continue to steadily reduce the alert level while still keeping the rate of infection down.

- We are working to ensure that life slowly returns, but it will not be life as we knew it before.
- We must be prepared to live with restrictions and the threat of the virus for many more months.
- We will have to adapt, we will have to change, and we must find new ways to preserve our way of life, while still ensuring our health and safety.