



correctional services

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Suspension of visits to Correctional Centres

Following the announcement that the country is moving to COVID-19 Adjusted Alert Level 3, the public is reminded about the suspension of visits to correctional and remand detention centres across the country.

The measure enables the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) to continue protecting both officials and inmates from the COVID-19 pandemic. DCS has been implementing restrictions and adhering to all regulations to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19. As of 20 June 2021, the total number of active COVID-19 cases in the DCS amounts to 256, comprising of 224 officials and 33 inmates. The total cumulative positive cases is 12 202, (7 711 officials and 4 491 inmates). The number of deaths are 258 (180 officials and 78 inmates).

Contact consultations between legal practitioners and inmates are allowed under strict conditions observing all COVID-19 protocols. Legal practitioners should make prior appointments at centres they seek to consult with inmates at.

DCS' top priority remains the health and safety of our officials, inmates and the public.

Ends.

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