

In vandeesweek se nuusbrief

In die jongste MyAHi-nuusbrief vertel dr. Willie Cilliers jou onder andere meer oor die jongste inperkingsregulasies en wat dit vir besighede én die ekonomie beteken.

Verder vertel ons jou meer oor die AHi se opkomende gesprek by die Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees (KKNK), waar ons onder andere meer gaan vertel oor hoe jy entrepreneurskap in landelike gemeenskappe kan stimuleer om ekonomiese groei te handhaaf.

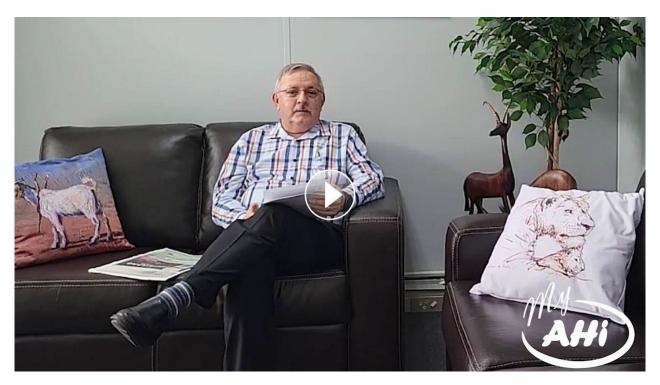
Ons vertel jou ook oor die 'perfekte storm' in Suid-Afrika, weens die stygende petrolpryse en voedselpryse, soos bekendgemaak deur Statistieke Suid-Afrika op Woensdag.

Verder vertel ons jou meer oor die jongste Covid-19-regulasies en wat dit vir jou in die werksplek beteken. Ons brei ook bietjie uit oor enstofmandate, sowel as die impak daarvan op besighede.

Laastens, maar nie die minste nie, bied ons nuus en hoogtepunte uit ons sake-organisasies en moedig sakeleiers aan om op ons splinternuwe AHi-platform aan te teken wat 'n magdom sake-inligting bevat.

Lees dit, en meer, in ons propvol nuusbrief hier onder.





KYK: Dr. Willie Cilliers gesels oor die jongste inperkingsmaatreëls en die KKNK

Die AHi se uitvoerende direkteur, dr. Willie Cilliers, gesels in die video hier onder meer oor die jongste inperkingsmaatreëls en wat dit vir besighede regoor die land beteken.

Ons vertel jou ook meer oor die KKNK wat vanaf 29 Maart tot 3 April vanjaar op Oudtshoorn plaasvind.

Kyk gerus na Cilliers se insig hier bo.

AHi stel binnekort sy nuwe opleidingsplatform bekend





Die AHi is opgewonde om binnekort sy splinternuwe opleidingsplatform, in vennootskap met Ten Skills, bekend te stel.

Indien intekenaars op www.myahi.co.za aanteken deur 'n waardepakket aan te koop, kry voornemende entrepreneurs met hulle inteken-besonderhede toegang tot die AHi se opleidingsmodules - op grond van waar jy op die besigheidspektrum is.

Ons is ook opgewonde om in die komende weke ons eerste opleidingskursus, Prepare For Business, in Afrikaans, Engels en Xhosa, beskikbaar te stel.

Ons sal oor die volgende paar maande ook ons ander kursusse vertaal en op die platform laai.

Teken in vir 'n waardepakket op <u>www.myahi.co.za</u> en kry binnekort toegang tot die opleidingsplatform, wat in samewerking met Ten Skills, aan ons intekenaars beskikbaar gestel word.

Klik <u>hier</u> om ons platform te besoek.

Hoe red mens 'n dorp?





'n Gesprek met Dr. Willie Cilliers (voorsitter van die AHi Wes-Kaap), Chad Louw (burgemeester van Oudtshoorn) en dr. Ruben Richards (burgemeester van Clanwilliam).

Die winde van verandering waai in Suid-Afrika namate al hoe meer gemeenskappe hul politieke verskille agterlaat en self inspring om dorpe om te keer. Hulle maak slaggate reg en roei munisipale korrupsie uit om uiteindelik die plaaslike ekonomie te kan stimuleer. Hoe kry ons meer mense om eienaarskap van hul dorpe te neem? Hoe stimuleer ons entrepreneurskap in landelike gemeenskappe?

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'Perfect storm' to hit finances in SA from this week





Rising inflation, interest rate hikes and higher fuel prices point to a 'perfect storm' of factors that are set to hit South African consumers from this week, says labour union Solidarity.

The group was commenting on Statistics South Africa's latest inflation figures which indicate a 5.7% increase in the consumer price index (CPI).

The South African Reserve Bank's monetary policy committee is largely expected to hike interest rates on Thursday afternoon (24 March), with steep petrol and diesel hikes pencilled in from the start of April.

Click <u>here</u> to read more.

Godongwana rules out creation of a new state bank





South African finance minister Enoch Godongwana ruled out the creation of a new state bank, saying the country lacked the money needed to back it.

The government-owned Post Bank already accepts deposits and if another lender were to be established, it would have to be self-funded, Godongwana told lawmakers on Wednesday.

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Govt plans to 'localise' petrol in SA to lower costs





One of the only ways that South Africa can reliably lower the cost of fuel is by localising its energy production over the long term, says Mineral Resources and Energy minister Gwede Mantashe.

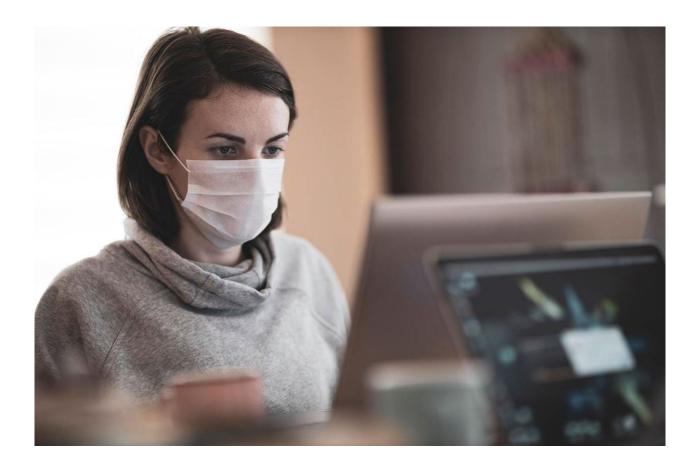
Mantashe was responding in a recent parliamentary Q&A in which he was asked about his department's plans to mitigate the country's record-high fuel prices.

"The reality of fuel prices is that it is highly dependent on the prevailing price of crude oil. The current abnormal fuel prices are a result of two issues. The first is the ongoing conflict between the Russian Federation, Ukraine and NATO countries broadly," he said.

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New Covid rules for workplaces in South Africa





The Department of Employment and Labour has listed SARS CoV2 (Covid-19) as a group 3 hazardous biological agent (HBA) under South Africa's Hazardous Biological Agents regulations, which has important implications for employers and businesses in South Africa, say experts at legal firm Bowmans.

The regulations were published by the department on 16 March 2022 in terms of section 43 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and categorise HBAs into four risk groups according to their hazard and categories of contaminant.

They also require employers to control the exposure to HBAs in the workplace via various reasonably practicable measures.

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Entrepreneurs urged to be part of SA's growth story





As South Africa continues along the path of reconstruction and recovery, President Cyril Ramaphosa has called on investors, entrepreneurs and business people to be a part of the journey.

President Ramaphosa said that investors need to know that their investments are secure, that the operating environment is stable, and that they are supported by policy certainty and regulatory safeguards.

The President said this when he addressed the fourth South African Investment Conference (SAIC) on Thursday at the Sandton Convention Centre, in Johannesburg.

The President initiated the SAIC annual event in 2018 in an effort to secure domestic and inbound investment of R1.2-trillion in investments over five years.

"You need to know that the measures we are taking to tackle crime and damage to infrastructure are having an effect. Your investments are making a difference in local economies and in people's lives.

"We therefore invite you to be part of South Africa's growth story. We invite you to be part of a young, dynamic, resilient nation positioning itself at the forefront of progress and change," he said.

The President said that this 4th SAIC could not be taking place at a better time, just as the country is casting off the long shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic and embarking on a concerted and determined recovery.

Click here to read more.

Adjusted Alert Level 1 restrictions eased





President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced the easing of several restrictions as part of Adjusted Alert Level 1 this week.

Addressing the nation on developments in the country's response to the COVID-19 pandemic this evening, President Ramaphosa said the approach going forward is that both indoor and outdoor venues can now take up to 50 percent of their capacity provided that the criteria for entrance are proof of vaccination or a COVID test not older than 72 hours.

The President said following consultations and the recommendations of the National Coronavirus Command Council, Cabinet has decided to ease restrictions on gatherings and previous regulations.

He said the emphasis was on placing an upper limit on the number of people who could attend a gathering.

"But where there is no provision for proof of vaccination or a COVID test, then the current upper limit will remain – of 1 000 people indoors and 2 000 people outdoors," the President said.

This change, he said, to the restrictions on gatherings will be of great benefit to the sporting, cultural, entertainment and events industries, in particular.

"This means that if we are vaccinated or have recently tested negative, we will be able to return to watching sports in stadiums and attending music concerts, theatre performances, conferences and other events," the President said.

Funerals and after tears

The maximum number of people permitted at a funeral will increase from 100 to 200.

As before, night vigils, after-funeral gatherings and 'after-tears' gatherings are not allowed.

Wearing of masks

The President also announced important changes to the regulation on the wearing of masks.

"As before, it is mandatory to wear a cloth mask or similar covering over the nose and mouth when in public indoor spaces.

"However, a mask is not required when outdoors.

"This means that we still need to wear masks when in shops, malls, offices, factories, taxis, buses, trains or any other indoor public space.

"But we do not need to wear masks when walking on the street or in an open space, when exercising outdoors or when attending an outdoor gathering," President Ramaphosa said.

Social distancing

The President said that the regulations on social distancing are also being changed, requiring that a space of 1 metre is maintained between persons in all settings, except schools.

International travel

The President also announced changes to the regulations on international travel.

"Travellers entering South Africa will need to show proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours.

"All unvaccinated travellers entering the country who want to be vaccinated will be offered a vaccination," the President said.

The President said these measures will take effect from tomorrow, Wednesday the 23rd of March 2022, once the new regulations are gazetted.

With these changes, almost all restrictions on social and economic activity will have been lifted.

Vaccinations

Going forward, the President said the most important defences against the disease are, firstly, vaccination and, secondly, the observance of basic measures, such as wearing masks indoors.

"The further easing of the remaining restrictions will require that we increase the rate of vaccinations among South Africans.

"The vaccine has been shown to significantly reduce severe illness.

"Statistics from our health facilities, clearly show that people who are not vaccinated stand a higher chance of being hospitalised or dying from COVID-19," the President said.

He said vaccination is likely to reduce transmission at home and at places like schools and universities where there is close contact.

"It is vitally important that we get many more of our people between 18 and 35 years vaccinated, and that is why government has launched the #KeReady campaign last month.

This campaign includes messages developed by young people and focuses on making the case for people between 18 and 35 years to vaccinate."

The President further encouraged those who are vaccinated to go and receive their booster doses.

"If we are all vaccinated, we can turn our energy, resources and effort to rebuilding our economy and creating much-needed jobs."

Have your say on National State of Disaster

"Due to the changing nature of the pandemic, and due to the progress that has been made through our collective efforts, we intend to lift the National State of Disaster as soon as public comment on the health regulations published by the Minister of health has been completed."

These regulations, when finalised, will replace the State of Disaster regulations as the legal instrument that government uses to manage the pandemic.

All South Africans are invited to make comments on the draft regulations before the 16th of April.

The President however emphasised that what should be clear is that the end of the National State of Disaster does not mean the end of the pandemic.

"It just means that we are changing the way we manage the pandemic, and we will be relying on health regulations rather than disaster management regulations.

"It means that we are learning to live with the virus in our presence.

"It means that we are returning, as far as possible, to the lives that we lived before the pandemic.

"It means that we are opening our economy still further, and that we are resuming many of the social and cultural activities that we have missed over the last two years."

Sign up to our myAHi platform for support





The AHi recently launched a brand-new digital networking platform, called MyAHi.

The AHi would like to encourage our newsletter subscribers to sign up to our MyAHi platform for a range of business support.

The idea behind the platform is to create a space for business owners and entrepreneurs to gain the necessary skills and support to be sustainable.

We also have an option for businesses to connect with each other, give access to networking opportunities, allow subscribers to get advice from our team of experts and update subscribers on the latest business information.

We've made it easy for entrepreneurs from across the economic spectrum to sign up to this mobile and user friendly platform.

Our platform has also been featured on IOL.

Click <u>here</u> to find out more about the platform, or to sign up.

AHi Focus of the Month



Mosselbaai Besigheidskamer





Mosselbaai Besigheidskamer: Netwerksaand

Die Mosselbaai Besigheidskamer vind op 5 April 2022 om 18:00 plaas. Johnathan Jacobs van PUM sal as gasspreker optree. Dié netwerkaand vind by die ATKV Konferensiesaal plaas.

Klik hier om te registreer.



Stilbaai Sakekamer





Swellendam Business Forum wrote on Facebook: "Thank you to Rachel Wahl, Chairman of the most successful and well supported Stilbaai Business Chamber/Stilbaai Sakekamer for joining us (on Tuesday). Thank you for sharing your wealth of knowledge in running and building a successful business forum. The committee has been inspired by your words and confident that we are on the right track in building our own very necessary Swellendam business forum."

Clanwilliam Sakekamer



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In Clanwilliam Sakekamer se jongste nuusflits kan jy meer lees oor 'n nuwe boek wat geloods is, doendinge in en om Clanwilliam, sowel as ander lekker leesstories.

Klik <u>hier</u> om meer te lees.

Oudtshoorn Besigheidskamer





Abri Ferreira van Alert Patrol Security en Heléne Badenhorst van Heléne Badenhorst Prokureurs is onderskeidelik as die voorsitter en ondervoorsitter van die Oudtshoorn-besigheidskamer aangewys.

Lees meer hier: https://bit.ly/358mVF3

Op die AHi se Dagboek





Die AHi se dagboek is 'n uiteensetting van al die gebeurtenisse rakende die AHi of sy sakeorganisasies vandeesmaand.

Loer gerus na die AHi se dagboek hier onder, en deelgerus u sakeorganisasie se almanak met ons.

• Dinsdag, 5 April 2022: Mosselbaai Besigheidskamer: Netwerksaand

Onthou! Jy is ook welkom om enige sakenuus met ons by info@ahiwc.com te deel.

Gesels met ons op WhatsApp





Jy kan altyd op die AHi se knoppie druk! Dit is in die AHi se visie om hul intekenaars en hul besighede by te staan in moeilike tye en hoop te gee in 'n tyd waar die moontlike selfs onmoontlik mag voel.

Jy is ook welkom om enige sakenuus met ons te deel.

Daarom wil ons graag vandag ons intekenaars aanmoedig om gebruik te maak van ons WhatsAppnommer indien u enige besigheidsadvies of raad benodig gedurende die koronavirus tydperk.

Ons beloof om u met waardevolle inligting te verskaf of om u na die regte kanale te verwys.

Stuur ons 'n Facebook of WhatsApp-boodskap by 079 592 5945.

Hou ook gerus ons Facebookblad dop vir daaglikse besigheidsinligting wat jou en jou besigheid raak.

COVID - 19 PANDEMIC CALL CENTRES AND HOTLINES



Coronavirus Hotline: 0800 029 999	National Crisis Line: 0861 322 322	South African Police Service: 08600 10111	Reporting undue price increases: 0800 141 880	Child Line: 0800 055 555	Department of Home Affairs: 0800 601 190
Persons with Disabilities: SMS 'help' to 31531	Support to SMMEs in distress: 0860 663 7867	AIDS Helpline: 0800 012 322	Department of Trade and Industry: 080 000 6543	Suicide Helpline: 0800 567 567 or 0800 456 789	Department of Water and Sanitation: 0800 200 200
GB VF - Related service complaints: 0800 333 177	PostBank Call Centre: 0800 53 54 55	Gender-based Violence Command centre: 0800 428 428 OR *120*7867# (free)	UIF Call Centre: 0800 030 007	Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit: 0800 150 150	Department of Tourism: 0860 868 747
National Institute for Communicable Diseases: 0800 029 999	Women Abuse Helpline: 0800 150 150	National Human Trafficking Helpline: 0800 222 777	SASSA Call Centre: 0800 60 10 11	Presidential Hotline: 17737	WE ARE HERE TO HELP

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