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FREE STATE REGIONAL DIVISION DIRECTIVES FOR THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD

As Head of the Regional Court in Free State I hereby issue the following Directives for the Regional Courts in Free State Regional Division, by virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Chief Justice in terms of section 8(3) of the Superior Courts Act, 2013. These directives are issued after consultation with other stakeholders.

- The Regional Courts will remain open during the lockdown period however; they will operate on skeleton staff.
- The list of Regional Magistrates on duty and their contact details will be provided to stakeholders.

1. Criminal matters:

- No trials will be conducted during the lockdown period. All witnesses must be stopped and informed about changes as soon as possible.
- Cases on the roll during the lockdown period must be postponed to dates from 4 May 2020.

2. Civil matters:

- The Assistant Registrars at all Regional Court Civil Seats are directed to liaise with all the parties in consultations with the Regional Magistrates in the civil court to arrange new dates for all the civil matters on the roll during the lockdown period.
- No civil proceedings will be conducted during this period. A roster of Regional Magistrates on duty for urgent applications will be kept with the Assistant Registrar.



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