COVID-19 health and safety measures at the National Botanical and Zoological Gardens

All SANBI’s National Botanical and Zoological Gardens are implementing measures to curb the spread of COVID-19, in line with government lockdown regulations.

During the current revised level 3 lockdown period, opening times for all SANBI’s Gardens may only be between 09h00 and 18h00. Please consult your local garden’s website for their current entry times.

We urge everybody to download the COVID Alert South Africa tracing app, and to isolate and get tested when necessary.

All visitors are temperature screened and provided with hand sanitiser when entering any SANBI Garden.

In addition to the Garden’s normal dos and don’ts, visitors are required to adhere to all necessary health protocols and obey these additional rules during the lockdown period:

Please note that all SANBI’S Gardens have security personnel and monitors on duty, and visitors who are caught without masks, or with alcohol, or flouting any of these rules, may be fined or asked to leave the Garden, and entry fee will not be refunded.

Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth, at all times in public.

No Mask means No Entry to the Garden.

Children under 5 years are exempt.

Please also be sure to not touch your face, or to adjust your face mask without first sanitising your hands.

Keep a distance of at least 1.5 m between yourself and others, at all times.

Distance markers are in place in some areas, but visitors can judge for themselves and keep at least two arms’ lengths away from other people.

Don’t shake hands or touch cheeks, and avoid close contact, crowds and gatherings.
Keep your hands clean.
Use the soap and water in the bathrooms, or use the provided hand sanitiser, frequently.
Be sure to clean your hands after touching shared surfaces such as door handles, turnstiles or hand rails and money.

Picnics are allowed, provided that picnickers keep their masks on when not eating or drinking, and keep the appropriate distance between each other, and keep numbers down to fewer than 20 people per picnic.

No alcohol may be consumed in the Garden, please do not bring any with you.

Where restaurants, tea rooms or coffee shops are open, please adhere to health protocols of the establishment, and please keep your masks on while you are not eating or drinking.

We welcome all visitors to enjoy the benefits of fresh air and outdoor exercise in our beautiful Gardens, and wish you a pleasant and safe visit.

Thank you for your co-operation.