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## Let's Be Responsible

A few weeks ago we were hopeful of getting ahead of this pandemic and within an instant, we found ourselves faced with a substantial increase in infections, hospitalization, and fatalities. Some of these fatalities are hitting our industry daily now.

As SAACI, we call for all to be responsible personally, within their families, and at a societal level. We cannot overemphasize this.

Under the current restrictions of Alert Level 4, no gathering of any form should be allowed to happen.

We implore authorities to act when gatherings of any form occur under the current restrictions of Alert Level 4. They owe it to all of us to be responsible, and for this reason, we call on all of us to Be Responsible as well, until the infections rate starts decreasing.

As an industry, we can meet safely and responsibly. We know this. We have proven this and we will continue to lead by example.

We call on all citizens to do the same. We call on those in authority to heed this call from SAACI.



## UIF\_TERS Update: Information Needed from industry

We are pleased to inform you that we have received confirmation of the necessary support and final Cabinet approval for the extension of the program for our industry. To further aid members, we call on you to please provide us with any appeals process case numbers. We wish to ensure that these appeals with any outstanding payments are cleared. Please forward your responses to [members@saaci.org](mailto:members@saaci.org) for us to track and collate information to be sent to the Department of Labour.



## SAACI National Annual General Meeting

The National SAACI AGM will take place later this year. A date, with the format, will be shared in future member communication newsletters and notifications.

This will be communicated once further guidance on the restrictions from the government has been received.



## KwaZulu Natal Annual General Meeting

The KwaZulu Natal Branch hosted their regional annual general meeting this past week.

Again, we had the opportunity to connect virtually.

We remain of the opinion that in-person contact remains the most key aspect of our lives and our industry. We shared the work done in KwaZulu Natal by the SAACI committee and the work embarked on from the National Office.

We look forward to the work SAACI, our members, and stakeholders will do in KwaZulu Natal for Destination SA and the Business Events Industry.



## Professional designation for Event Safety Officers gives credence to the profession

SACIA's Event Safety Council professional designations for Event Safety Officers were approved by the SAQA Board on 20 November 2020.

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with the ratification of the new SAACI logo will form part of the discussions for this year's National AGM. We look forward to hosting members at this AGM.



## Tribute to our industry colleagues

Passionate South Africans, Hard Working Tourism Professionals, and True Sons and Daughters of the Soil have been lost this week.

We express our sincere sadness at the news of the passing of our industry colleagues, friends and family members.

Many of us will miss their energy, their drive for Destination SA and their infectious smiles.

To the families, friends, and colleagues of our industry peers, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

They will truly be missed.

designations require applicants to demonstrate their competence via a written exam and provide a Portfolio of Evidence supporting their claim.

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## Vaccinations Open for 35 – 49-year-olds

SAACI welcomes the announcement made early this morning on the move to vaccinate the next age group cohort. Registrations for this group will commence from 15 July 2021 with vaccinations aiming to begin from the 1st of August 2021.

We continue to encourage the government and the private sector to ensure that we reach the targets set out for this program.

As an Association, we remain mindful that the decision to take the vaccination jab is a personal decision.



Our Winter of discontent may be around for a little longer.

During this time, SAACI continues to work on ensuring that we ready ourselves and industry stakeholders to activate our recovery steadily and responsibly.

It won't be easy, we know, but we need to prepare. We need to help each other and find collaborative synergies to ensure economic recovery for the industry, members, and society.

Keep safe, Keep sanitizing, Keep social distancing and if are ready, vaccinate if you can.

The SAACI National Office



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