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ATTENTION: ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

CIRCULAR MINUTE NO. M1

**CLOSURE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (ECD'S) AND
PARTIAL CARE FACILITIES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19**

1. Following a Special Cabinet Meeting held on Sunday, 15 March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President declared a National State of Disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act (Act No. 57 of 2002).
2. This requires Government to put in place extraordinary measures to manage the pandemic, protect the people of our country and reduce the impact of the virus in society.
3. It is against this background that the department has taken the decision that all Early Childhood Development Centres and Partial Care Facilities must be closed from Wednesday, 18 March 2020 to 15 April 2020.
4. You are further urged to encourage families to adopt good health and hygiene practices regularly.
5. We will however continue to monitor the containment of the pandemic and advise accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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