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Protocol for the managing waste from businesses' and institutions' offices and premises during the COVID-19 pandemic

1. In line with the Regulation No. R.480 Disaster Management Act (57/2002): Directions made in terms of Section 27(2) by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of 29 April 2020, Section 28 Operation of economic sectors, allows certain business sectors to commence under the Risk Adjusted Strategy.
2. Considering the current level more citizens that are allowed to get back to work, it is required that all COVID-19 health and safety protocols must be followed at all times, including observance of guidelines for social distancing, sanitation and hygiene, and use of appropriate personal protective equipment, like cloth face masks, as determined by the National Department of Health.
3. Using disposable gloves, masks, other disposal personal protective clothing and disposal facial tissues (i.e paper tissue, napkins and wipes) will increase the volumes of associated general waste. It is recommended that this waste stream should be handled and disposed of in the following manner **if no confirmed COVID-19 infection is prevalent**.
4. Businesses and Institutions must ensure that:
 - all disposable waste items (e.g. used facial tissues, disposable cleaning cloths, gloves, masks, etc.) are disposed of securely within disposable plastic bags.
 - when the bag is three quarters full, the plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied.
 - these bags should be stored separately as far as it is reasonably possible, for **three (3) days** before being put out for collection by the Municipality or waste service provider.
 - other general business and office waste can be disposed of as normal.

5. Cleaning personnel:

- Cleaning personnel should be made aware of the risks associated with working with potential COVID-19 waste and should be provided with the
- appropriate personal protection equipment and should wear closed shoes when handling the waste.
- Waste storage area should be cleaned daily.
- Cleaners handling the waste must wear utility gloves when emptying the waste containers.
- Cleaning personnel should be trained on the new handling and disposal methods as explained above in section 4.

6. Should you require any further information please contact Mr Sheldon Visagie, Manager: Solid Waste Department at Telephone: (023) 348 2634, Cellular: 081 555 6505, E-mail: svisagie@bvm.gov.za.



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