



Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

Level 3 will further expand the scope for business activities that can reopen. However, not all will be able to get back to full speed immediately. Workplaces can play an important role in managing the spread of COVID-19 by implementing regular screening and testing of employees, giving a daily real-time snapshot of the spread of the virus.

**Ebrahim Patel,
Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition**



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za





Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

As citizens, workers and employers we can, however, take responsibility by understanding the risks and responding appropriately. We must act collectively to protect and support each other while rebuilding our economy and our society.

**Ebrahim Patel,
Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition**



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za





Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

The economic costs imposed by the virus are also extraordinary. Across the world we have seen shuttered factories and empty roads. The SA economy is projected to go into a sharp recession, with very large job losses and firm closures, as a result of a dual shock in economic demand and supply as a result of the lockdown to contain the spread of the virus.

**Ebrahim Patel,
Minister of Trade, Industry and
Competition**

**2020
START**



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za





Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

The scientists advise that our success to date with flattening the infection curve enables a shift of significant parts of the economy to lower alert levels. But our success in staying at lower levels will depend on containing the spread of **COVID-19**: urgently address hotspots (currently Cape Town and to a lesser extent, other districts and metros), expanding mass screening, testing, tracing contacts and use of quarantine centres.

Ebrahim Patel,
Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za





Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

To get South Africans back at work safely, we need high levels of cooperation between employers, workers and consumers to manage the main areas of risk.

Ebrahim Patel,
Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

Recovery Plan



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za





Together
South Africa

Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

Food retail, chemists and public transport stayed open during the lockdown, following health and social distance protocols. Even then, there have been significant clusters of infection in retail chains, pointing to the need for stricter adherence to guidelines on maintaining distance between employees and customers in shops, and to screen workers and trace and quarantine their contacts.

As we move to re-open the economy, we have to be cautious with high-risk businesses that serve the public directly, particularly those with physical contact. This is a moment for innovation in business models and products to help reduce our risks. That is why we have expanded delivery services and e-commerce, which can minimise families' risks from shopping.

Ebrahim Patel,

Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za





Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

The World Health Organization thus advises that countries planning to ease their lockdowns need to do so with extreme caution in order to avoid this second wave.

The lockdown bought us some space to re-organise economic activity, public health measures and our own lives to minimise the risk of infection while opening up more economic activities. This balance is an extremely difficult one. We are truly between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

There is no simple, static trade-off between health and economic prosperity. If the pandemic surges out of control, the subsequent stricter lockdowns come with a heavy economic cost.

When we invest to control the coronavirus, we also build the basis for future economic growth and, done right, for deeper transformation of our economy, to make it greener, fairer, more inclusive and more dynamic.

Ebrahim Patel,

Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za





Re-opening the economy- where are we now?

On Friday, the President met with representatives of business, labour and community organisations at Nedlac and yesterday with provincial premiers, to consult on a risk-adjusted phasing in of economic activity.

Ebrahim Patel,

Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

the dtic - together, growing the economy

the dtic Customer Contact Centre: 0861 843 384

the dtic Website: www.thedtic.gov.za

