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### MENINGSOPNAME: MOET SKOLE SLUIT?

Op 14 Julie 2020 versoek SADOU, PSA en NAPTOSA vir die onmiddellike sluiting van skole as gevolg van die piek in Covid-19 infeksies wat regoor die land aangemeld word. Die SAOU is bewus van die piek in die infeksiekoers.

Tot nou toe was die standpunt van die SAOU dat ons nie druk op die DBO sal plaas vir die sluiting van skole nie, tensy:

1. Daar objektiewe mediese bewyse is wat die sluiting van skole ondersteun.
  - a. Hierdie objektiewe mediese bewyse moet aandui dat dit in die beste belang van die leerder is om eerder tuis te bly as om skool by te woon.
  - b. Die risiko vir kinderinfeksies sal verminder as leerders nie die skool bywoon nie.
  - c. Verlore skooldae as gevolg van Covid-19. Daar moet genoeg dae wees om die akademiese jaar te "red".
  - d. Vergelykings moet deurentyd tussen die sterfterisiko per ouderdom en sterfterisiko volgens COVID-19, vir beide onderwysers en die publiek getref word.
  - e. Die uitvoerbaarheid van sosiale distansiëring binne klaskamers.
  - f. Die sosiale-, ekonomiese- en gesondheidskoste geassosieer met die inperkingsvlakke en die sluiting van skole.
  - g. Die uitdagings om die ekonomie te heropen sonder om skole ook te heropen, veral waar klein kinders alleen "tuis" sonder enige versorgers sal wees.
2. Die Staat het reeds aangedui dat die "Covid-19 Command Council" die besluit sal neem om skole te sluit al dan nie.
3. Deur hierdie meningsopname te voltooi sal u die SAOU van 'n mandaat voorsien, hetsy dit die bevestiging of wysiging van die huidige mandaat is. Die resultate van hierdie opname is direk verwant aan u deelname.

### SURVEY: SHOULD SCHOOLS CLOSE?

On 14 July 2020 SADTU, PSA and NAPTOSA called for the immediate closure of schools due to the peak in Covid-19 infections across the country. The SAOU is aware of the peak in the infection rates.

Until now, the position of the SAOU has been that we will not put pressure on the DBE for the closure of schools, unless:

1. There is objective medical evidence to support school closures.
  - a. This objective medical evidence must indicate that it would be in the best interest of the learner to rather stay at home than to attend school.
  - b. The risk for child infection will be lessened if learners do not attend school.
  - c. School days lost to Covid-19. There must be enough days to "rescue" the academic year.
  - d. Comparing regular mortality risk by age to Covid-19 mortality risk by age, both for teachers and the public at large.
  - e. The feasibility of practising social distancing within classrooms
  - f. The social, economic and health costs associated with lockdown and school closures.
  - g. The challenges of reopening the economy without reopening schools, and especially the prevalence of young children being "home alone" without any adult care givers.
2. The State has already indicated that the Covid-19 Command Council will decide whether or not to close schools.
3. By completing this survey you will provide the SAOU with a mandate, being it a confirmation or amendment to the current mandate. The results of this survey are directly related to your participation.

Deel asb u opinie met ons teen Donderdag, 16 Julie 2020 om 16:00.

Please share your opinion with us by Thursday, 16 July 2020 at 16:00.

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