

30th March, 2020

JOINT DIRECTIVES TO CURB THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN AKUAPEM NORTH, AKUAPEM SOUTH, OKERE, NEW JUABEN SOUTH MUNICIPALITIES

The Akuapem North, Akuapem South, New Juaben South Municipal Assemblies and Okere District Assembly have noticed an influx of people into the Municipality due to the partial lockdown of Greater Accra and Greater Kumasi as announced by H.E. the President of the Republic.

In view of that the Municipal/District Public Health Emergency Committees together with the Municipal/District Security Councils of these four (4) Assemblies have taken the following measures effective **Tuesday, 31st March, 2020 at 6:00 a.m.** to curb community spread of the **corona virus** within their respective areas:

1. Barriers/check points would be mounted at the following areas:
 - a. Eastern Premier Hotel Junction
 - b. Mangoase Junction
 - c. Saforo
 - d. Obosomase/Ahwerase
 - e. Larteh Junction
 - f. Larteh Tamara (Ayikuma Road)
 - g. Ansa Guest House
 - h. Adukrom Old Police Station Barrier
 - i. Adamorobe
 - j. Pokuase Shalom Shalom Road
 - k. Nsawam Obodan
 - l. Nsawam Pakro Road
 - m. Koforidua SSNIT Estate Highway
 - n. Koforidua Prisons Junction
 - o. Koforidua OBOSS (Ada Road)

Public Health workers would be present at these check points to take temperatures of people and direct abnormal cases to the appropriate authorities.

2. **Taxis/Trotros** would be mandatorily checked at the various check points before being allowed in and out of the Municipalities and district. In the case of the Taxis, they would be allowed to carry **one (1) person** at the front Seat and **two (2) persons** at the back seat, and the Trotros will carry **one (1) person** in front and **two (2) persons** at the back for urvan buses and **three (3) persons** at the back for sprinters, in line with social distancing protocols.
3. All Hotels, and Guest Houses should provide to the Assemblies, the number of visitors they have received from **29th March, 2020** to date for necessary action to be taken. This information is needed by **COB Tuesday, 31st March, 2020**. Hotels should ensure the provision of Veronica buckets and mandatory hand washing before entry to their reception and to make available infrared Thermometers to check temperatures of guests visiting their premises.
4. All Pubs/Drinking Spots should **shut down** until further notice. This measure is to reduce the challenges in contact tracing.
5. Food vendors, chop bars restaurants can operate but customers should not be allowed to sit and eat. Instead, the food should be bagged and taken away.
6. The Following Markets will run a shift system to reduce the number of traders at a time on market days. **Adawso Market, Asenema Market, Koforidua Central Market, Juabeng Serwah Market, Zongo Market, Agartha Market, Beads Market.**
7. Assembly members would carry out public education using the Community Information Centres (CICs) in their various Electoral Areas on these measures and inform families to encourage their relatives who have moved from Accra and other places to have themselves checked at health facilities and self-isolate to curb any possible spread. The Information Services Department of these Assemblies would carry out public education to encourage enhanced personal hygiene and the measures outlined in this directive.
8. During this period, the police and the Emergency Response Teams of the Assemblies will step up patrol operations to ensure that these measures are complied with.
9. We encourage the citizenry to Stay at Home if they do not have urgent activities outside. As much as possible, **STAY AT HOME.**

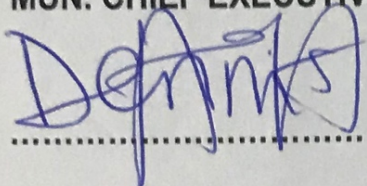
We wish to assure all our stakeholders that these measures are taken in the interest of the people and citizens and would only last for two weeks subject to review and that all the steps taken would help mitigate the impact of influx of people from other parts of the country that could possibly lead to the spread of the virus in the municipalities and district.

It is therefore expected that as law abiding citizens, we should all cooperate with the assemblies to ensure that lives are protected and together, we shall overcome this too.

It is our belief that **this too shall pass.**

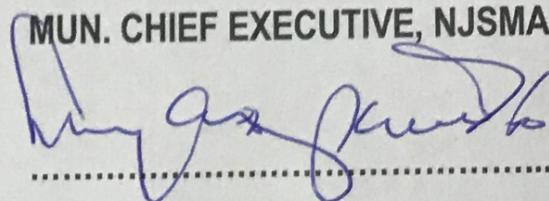
Thank you.

HON. DENNIS EDWARD ABOAGYE
MUN. CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ANMA



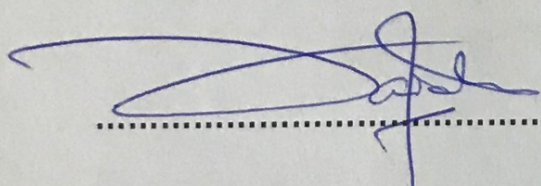
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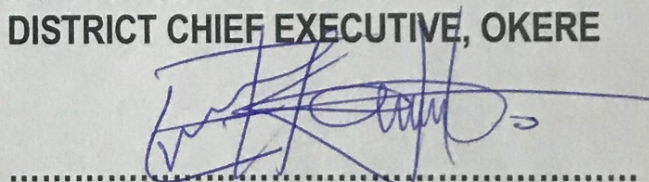
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HON. FRANK AIDOO
MUN. CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ASMA



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HON. DANIEL KENNETH
DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE, OKERE



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DISTRIBUTION

1. CHIEFS;ANMA, ASMA, NJSMA, OkDA
2. ALL HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, RESTAURANTS, PUBS, DRINKING BARS; ANMA, ASMA, NJSMA, OkDA
3. DRIVERS UNION;ANMA, ASMA, NJSMA, OkDA
4. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS; ANMA, ASMA, NJSMA, OkDA
5. MARKET QUEENS; ANMA, ASMA, NJSMA, OkDA
6. MEDIA