

Premier Winde celebrates end of the National State of Disaster

Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, welcomes President Cyril Ramaphosa's lifting of the National State of Disaster. In his statement to the province Winde said this was a long-overdue announcement, which he called for last year.



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"This step ensures a much-needed focus on economic recovery, and will undoubtedly improve confidence in the economy, as we fight the second pandemic of joblessness," Winde said.

He clarified that the 'end' of the National State of Disaster will be followed by the implementation of interim regulations which will remain in place for 30 days, whereafter they will automatically lapse. At the same time, the National Government has announced that they will finalise regulations under the National Health Act, which are due to be finalised on 16 April 2022.

"The Western Cape Government is closely studying these draft regulations and will strongly oppose any efforts to sneak unnecessary measures back in. Our response will continue to be guided by the best possible scientific advice based on the latest available evidence," Winde said

"We should continue to stay safe by practising the golden rules of good hygiene. We should also protect those at risk of severe disease, by acting responsibly, and we should get vaccinated, if we haven't yet been able to."

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