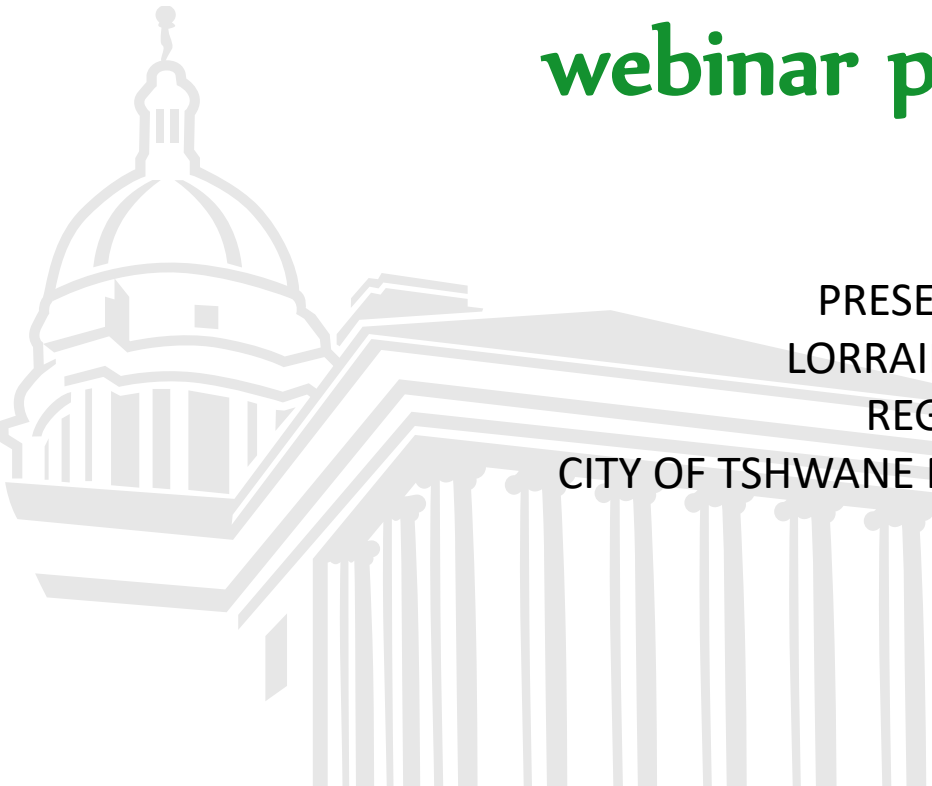


# CEMETERY SERVICE PROVISION

## webinar presentation

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Topic



# COVID 19 FATALITY MANAGEMENT PROCESS AND ITS IMPACT ON CEMETERIES



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# INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- The new coronavirus, now known as Covid-19, was first encountered in November 2019, and has gone on to affect over 425,000 people in over 150 countries around the globe, causing more than 18,000 deaths.
  - Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).
  - A new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.

# PURPOSE .....



- The purpose of the presentation is to cultivate how **COVID-19** has turned the **world** upside down. Everything has been impacted. How we live and interact with each other, how we work and communicate, how we move around and travel, most importantly how we bury and handled our deceased loved once
- Every aspect of our lives has been **affected**. Decisions made now and in the coming months will be some of the most important made in generations with regards to our livelihood and method of burial

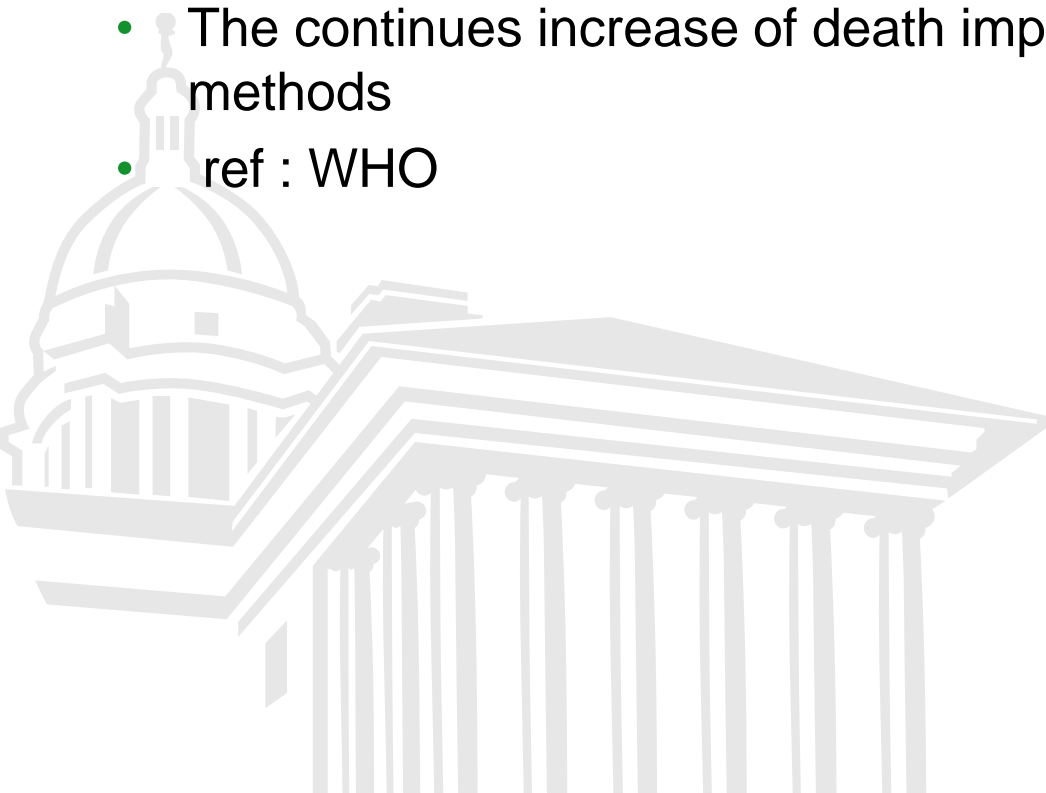
# COVID 19 IMPACT : Cemeteries

- The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work. The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic is devastating: tens of millions of people are at risk of falling into extreme poverty, while the number of undernourished people, currently estimated at nearly 690 million, could increase by up to 132 million by the end of the year.
- It is therefore important to reduce and mitigate their risk through appropriate education on Infection Prevention and Control in the context of COVID-19. Since the outbreak, marginalised countries has consistently hit with highest burden of COVID-19 cases.



# Continuation...

- For years South African municipalities have warned that they are running out of burial land. The Covid-19 outbreak in the country will put pressure on the authorities to respond to this need.
- The continues increase of death impacted on spheres of burial methods
- ref : WHO



# Amended Burial Laws

- Cogta Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma has gazetted further amendments to the regulations on the COVID-19 lockdown in order to flatten the infection curve.
- The amendments allow certain individuals to move between provinces, metropolitan and district areas for the purposes of transporting a body for burial purposes.
- The amendment also limits the individuals who are permitted to travel to funerals and funeral attendance and practises
- It also amends they types and /or methods of burial to ensure safety measures

# Impact on staff

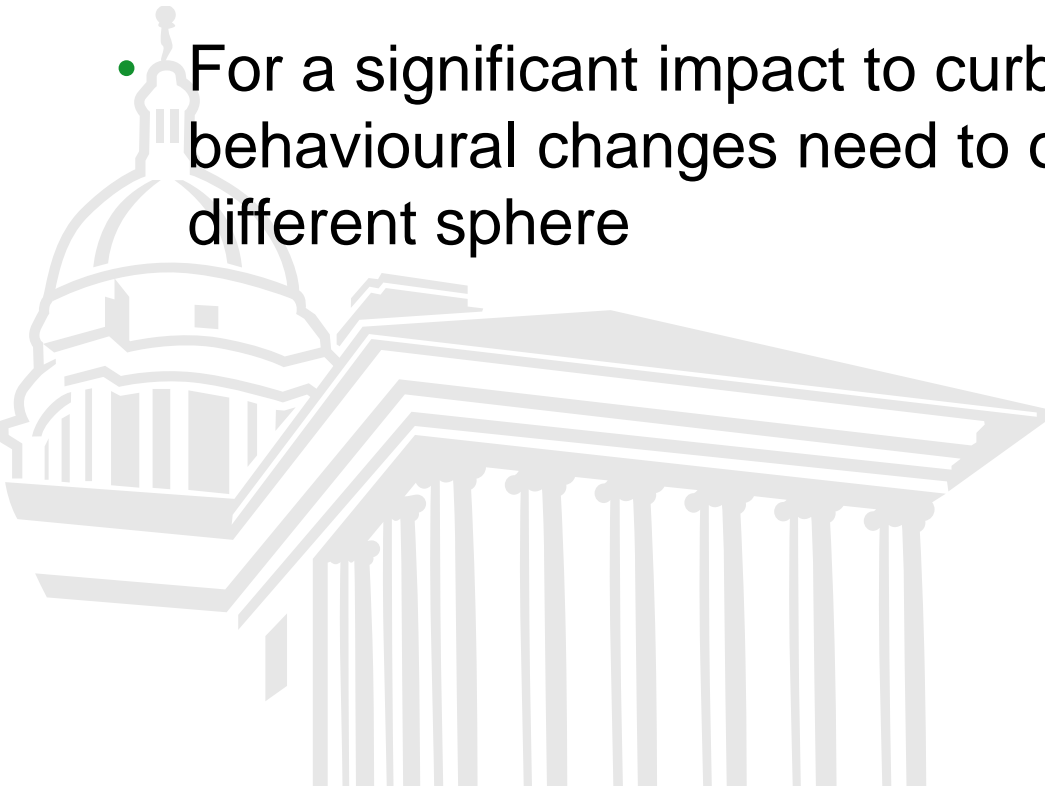
- Severity of staff impact as they deal with the increased number of burial
- Staff shortage due to testing positive or death
- Fatigue and Trauma
- Psychological and negative effects of COVID-19
- Disruption of work-related practice

# Impacts on grave yards

- Most existing cemeteries were sited without thinking about potential risks
- The layout and development of blocks were also not designed to allocate blocks for burial of high risk, specifically cemeteries with high water table
- Another important point is the difference in elevation between a cemetery and the surrounding area
- In cemeteries, human corpses may cause groundwater pollution because virus more easily than bacteria and they are not carried into groundwaters

# Conclusion

- The Covid 19 pandemic has presented a unique challenge across the globe impacting on livelihoods and social interaction inclusive of burials.
- For a significant impact to curb the spread of Covid 19 behavioural changes need to occur in a number of different spheres



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



# THANK YOU

