

S A scraps all remaining Covid restrictions

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South Africa has lifted the mandatory use of mask-wearing in indoor public spaces, removed restrictions on gatherings and eased rules for travellers at Ports of entry. This was confirmed by the country's Health Minister, Dr Joe Phaahla, on Thursday. "Having monitored the positive direction for more than three weeks we came to the conclusion that the peak infection which we concluded was a limited 5th wave driven by subvariants and not a new variant of concern was dissipating and that there was no more any eminent risk.

"It is on this basis that we approached the NCCC and the National Health Council which is made up of all Health MECs with a proposal that the limited regulations which dealt with:

(a) Wearing of masks indoors

(b) Limitations of gatherings

(c) Vaccination proof or PCR negative tests at Ports of Entry, – should all be lifted.

"As a results of this, I signed a note in the Government Gazette last night releasing all the remaining health regulation," the minister said.

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