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ZIMTA MEMBERS
ZIMTA SECRETARIAT

Dear Colleagues

RE: CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: MEASURES TO CURB SPREAD BY AND THROUGH ZIMTA

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Zimbabwe Teachers Association (ZIMTA) joins the nation in the fight against Covid-19 or as commonly known, novel coronavirus. The pandemic has devastating effects and long and deep lasting impacts. The experiences of the virus are fast changing the social and economic life of people and organisations alike. It is in view of the pending effects on us that we take the following measures.

2. MEETINGS AND RELATED ZIMTA ACTIVITIES

- 2.1. We take this opportunity to suspend or freeze all pending meetings of our Executive where more than three (3) leaders can congregate in confined spaces. This is to observe appropriate social distance and reduce the risks of contagion action.
- 2.2. Let us introduce skype, video or tele-conferencing should there be pressing need to get collective decision or enriched views.
- 2.3. I would implore you to self-quarantine for the next fifteen (15) days beginning 24 March to 16 April 2020 and monitor the development of the infection rate given the outbreak that has caught Zimbabwe flat footed.

Standing Committee: Mr. R. Gundane (National President), Mrs. E. Mahiyana (National Deputy President), Mr. T. Muzondo (National Deputy President), Mr. T. N. Sibanda (National Secretary General), Mr. J. Mulilo (National Treasurer), Mrs. E. Gunda (Women Teachers' Representative), Mr. I. Gumunyu (Secondary Teachers' Representative), Ms. J. Chikomo (Primary Teachers' Representative) & Mr. E. Ndanga (Tertiary Educators Representative)

3. **COMMUNICATION**

- The office of the Secretary General will coordinate our thought process, channelled to him. He will liaise with Provincial Heads to get the general experiences about Covid-19 in the provinces and also link with Secretariat.
- 3.2. Please note that this is not a shutdown of Association business, but an operation of Association business without walls and face to face activity.
- 3.3. I urge all of us to brace for this change thrust onto us by coronavirus, it is now not avoidable.

4. **CONCLUSION**

Coronavirus is a reality and is fatal, there is no cure or vaccine and in our case our health delivery systems are compromised, let us act to prevent it. Stay home and reduce contact.

Thank you

Gundane Richard (Mr)

ZIMTA PRESIDENT