

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Feedback: Tzaneen Magistrates Court - Response to COVID-19

The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development issued Departmental *Circular 17 of 2020* and *Circular 20 of 2020* for procedures on emergency procurement of prescribed items to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 that can have a negative impact on the health of members of the public and employees. Subsequently issued, *Circular 22* deals with the staff complement in Courts and the identification of those who will be on standby. Other measures such as the postponement of cases and shortened working hours were also implemented.

The PSA has established that the Court was able to provide hand sanitisers, soap and gloves but could not get masks as these are out of stock and will be procure as soon as the supplier gets stock. The process of procuring infrared thermometers is underway through the Regional Office for all Courts in Limpopo.

The PSA appreciates the effort by the Tzaneen Magistrates Court Management to do everything in its power to comply not only with the Departmental Circulars but also *DPSA Circular 7 of 2020* by ensuring that the attendance register is maintained, gatherings are prohibited, the display of posters at strategic places and limiting the contact of groups of people. Implementation of social distance is also implemented by management.

The PSA calls upon other Departments to follow the example of Tzaneen Magistrates Court to do their part in curbing the transmission of COVID-19, which will go a long way towards ensuring that the country recovers quicker and the impact of the pandemic is mitigated.

Members are urged to contact Phillip Maponya at Phillip.Maponya@psa.co.za or Whatsapp/Call on 082 880 8967 regarding any challenges with COVID-19 Compliance in the Department of Justice in Limpopo.

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