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FOR PSA MEMBERS: EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) - PORT ELIZABETH AREA

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COVID-19 update: Health guidelines on PPE

Following intervention by the PSA after complaints from members at the Department of Health in the Eastern Cape about insufficient of personal protective equipment (PPE) in their institutions, the Head of Department has issued a directive with strict guidelines that must be adhered to and implemented with immediate effect:

- **Category 01:** All health workers (including admin staff, porters, general assistants, cleaners and every other category) in health facilities must wear a surgical mask at all times.
- **Category 02:** All health professionals and frontline staff who are managing patients in health facilities must wear a surgical mask, gloves and an apron.
- **Category 03:** All health professionals and staff who treat COVID-19 positive patients at health facilities and transporting a known COVID-19 patient must wear an N95 mask, disposable gown, gloves and eye protection goggles.

PSA applauds the initiative taken by the HOD to make these guidelines available to use as a measuring tool for full compliance. The PSA further urges members to inform the Union of any institution that is not adhering to this directive.

GENERAL MANAGER