

FOR PSA MEMBERS: EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) – MTHATHA AREA

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## Update: Glen Gray Hospital - transfer of suspected COVID-19 patients

The PSA has been made aware of the movement of COVID-19 patients at Glen Gray Hospital in Cala. The patients were initially quarantined in a B&B, allegedly owned by the daughter of the MEC for Eastern Cape Department of Transport. The patients were to be attended to by Nurses from Glen Gray Hospital who happened to be PSA members.

The PSA, through its shop steward, immediately intervened before the removal of the patients to Glen Gray Hospital, demanding that the Hospital should comply with all requirements and quarantine rules to prevent the spread of the virus. A meeting was arranged with the MEC and the Hospital's management to resolve the removal of patients from the B&B to the Hospital as well as the safety of employees during quarantine period.

The PSA raised the Hospital's readiness to accommodate the patients. Shop stewards indicated that Nurses at the hospital should be provided with the necessary gear to deal with the situation. The PSA shop steward also raised an issue of Cleaners and Food Services Aid personnel who would be attending to these patients. It was agreed that the area would be properly cleaned and disinfected to allow Food Aid workers to perform their duties.

The PSA shop steward is monitoring the situation with the assistance of PSA Labour Relations Officers and Organising/Marketing Officers.

GENERAL MANAGER