

FOR PSA MEMBERS: KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Feedback: Teleconference meeting with KZN Head of Department of Health - 30 March 2020

### Shortage of personnel protective equipment (PPE)

Members will recall that PSA wrote a letter to the Provincial Command Committee regarding the shortage of PPE and N-95 masks in different Health institutions. It was reported by the employer that Department of Health has shortage of PPE in the province, especially N95. The employer further reported that it has already placed orders with different suppliers to increase the stock level of PPE with delivery being expected from 30 March 2020.

### Victimisation of employees by management

The PSA raised concerns with the HOD with regards to the power play and abuse of authority by management of different institutions. The HOD committed to investigate the allegations and take the necessary step to address the level of abuse. He appealed to unions to continue raising these issues with him. The PSA also called for investigation on the abusive behavior of the Ekuhlengeni Hospital CEO who decided to lock the Hospital gate and demanded that employees leave the premises at the end of their shift.

### Transportation during lockdown

The PSA, based on concerns by members about the shortage of public transport during the lockdown period, engaged with the employer on this. The employer indicated that although there is shortage of state vehicles it will provide transport during this period. A directive addressing the shortage of transport will be issued to all institutions.

### Ventilations system for COVID-19 designated hospital

The PSA registered concerns with the HOD with regards to the Department's ventilations capacity with negative pressure for COVID-19 patients. The employer committed to increase its ventilations capacity.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER