

# INFORMUS



FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Response to COVID-19

### Pietersburg Hospital

The test of a patient who was treated at the Hospital came back as positive of Covid-19. Subsequently, the Department of Health arranged for all health workers who treated this patient to be quarantined. The outcome of their tests is awaited.

The Hospital is equipped with all PPE, implemented safe work practices and provided resources and a work environment that promotes personal hygiene. There is adequate provision of sanitisers, soap, disinfectants, masks and gloves. Protective gear is also provided to be used in isolation wards.

The PSA acknowledges the speed and efficiency of the Department of Health and will monitor the situation to ensure that the affected officials are provided with necessary counselling. The PSA calls upon members at the Hospital to trust upon the intervention and capacity of the Department and if there are challenges, to liaise with the PSA Provincial Office through WhatsApp 076 983 9852.

### Other Hospitals

There are PPE challenges at Donald Fraser, Thabazimbi, Dr CN Phatudi and Nkhensani Hospitals and engagement with these Hospitals is underway to address matters. There were complaints about poor-quality masks (i.e. surgical masks instead of N95 masks), a shortage of theatre aprons and intermittent provision of sanitisers. The PSA prioritizes the health and safety of members and will ensure compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The problem of water supply at Philadelphia Hospital was finally resolved after the PSA's intervention.

The Department has also initiated weekly teleconference meetings on Tuesday and Friday during the COVID-19 lockdown period. Shop stewards and members are called upon to ensure that all challenges are reported for the PSA to raise these matters during the meetings. Please use WhatsApp 076 983 9852.

GENERAL MANAGER