

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Feedback: COVID-19 teleconference meeting

The meeting took place on 14 April 2020 where the following issues were discussed:

Training of employees: COVID-19 awareness

The employer reported that the development of training, counselling and a support program for employees working is underway.

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

All clinics received PPE. A total of 33 000 N95 masks was received (delivery of 280 000 awaited). A total of 1.2 million surgical masks was received whilst 960 000 are being awaited. 660 000 plastic aprons and 250 000 liters of sanitiser were received. Disposable head and shoe covers and surgical gowns were also received.

Mass screening by Community Health Workers (CHW)

A total of 9 800 CHW started with household screening in communities in all districts and will continue until 24 April 2020, thus preventing overcrowding in hospitals.

CHW contracts and criteria

The PSA enquired about the offering of different contracts to CHW, i.e. 6 and 12 months and the selective recalling of CHW under EPWP and the criteria thereof. The contracts were not in accordance with the Departmental Circular and Provincial Treasury Approval. The employer undertook to investigate and report at the next meeting scheduled for 17 April 2020.

Frontline Health workers

All frontline Health workers allocated to Health facilities should be vaccinated and be provided with PPE although this will differ according to the areas allocated as some will require masks and gloves and others full gear.

Dieticians working during lockdown

The PSA enquired about Dieticians reporting for duty whilst their services are not required. The employer undertook to review the categories of employees reporting for duty as some categories should have been on standby. Members not rendering services should report to their supervisors or the PSA on 076 983 9852.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER