

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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## Update on COVID-19: Capricorn District

Members will recall that the employer undertook to train Social Workers and resolve the problem with a lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) following the PSA's intervention.

### Training: COVID-19

Despite being expected to provide psychosocial support services, the employer had unfortunately failed to provide Social Workers with relevant training, thus exposing them to contracting the virus. The employer has now trained members on the psychosocial support team, who serve on the frontline. Training also included those working in shelters and providing Social Relief Distress (SRD) services in communities as well as both Community Development and Social Work Services. The training took place on 17 April 2020 and was provided by the Department of Health.

### Lack of PPE

It was also previously reported that the employer is failing to provide members with PPE in Capricorn District, which was attributed to poor planning by the employer. The PSA is now satisfied that the employer supplied members with PPE and that they are protected from the risk of infection during the execution of their duties.

The active participation of Capricorn shop stewards is highly commended and other districts are called upon to ensure that members are protected and training is provided as part of compliance with COVID-19 Regulations.

Members are urged to report non-compliance and concerns regarding their safety and failure to comply with Regulations to PSA shop stewards or the PSA Provincial Office at 072 325 6137 or 076 983 9852. Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER