



MEDIA RELEASE **COVID-19: PSA calls on Mpophomeni Clinic in KZN to comply with regulations**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has been inundated with calls from employees at Mpophomeni Clinic in KwaZulu-Natal who were compelled to work, despite 13 employees testing positive for COVID-19 in the past week.

The PSA calls on the management of the Clinic to stop forcing employees who are awaiting test results to continue working. Employees who were in contact with infected persons and who were tested by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health should be quarantined while waiting for the results as stipulated in *KZN HRM Circular Number 41 of 2020*.

The PSA demands that all employees at Mpophomeni Clinic be subjected to screening. The Clinic is a small facility where employees are in close contact and share ablution facilities and sign one attendance register. Some employees also use the same government pool vehicles to perform their duties.

In the interest of combatting the spread of COVID-19, the PSA calls on Mpophomeni Clinic, uMgungundlovu District and the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health to ensure that the facility is properly disinfected by professionals rather than general orderlies and evacuated for at least 48 hours to allow effective decontamination in terms of *KZN HRM Circular 43 of 2020*.

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