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COVID-19: PSA concerned about clinics in Tshwane Metro

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), one of the largest trade unions in the Public Service, has noted with concern media reports that employees at some clinics in the Tshwane Metro have tested positive for COVID-19.

Whilst it is noted that most clinics in Tshwane have applied measures to ensure that employees' exposure to COVID-19 is limited and contained, the PSA urges **employer** to strengthen its health and safety measures in terms of COVID-19 regulations and occupational health and safety protocols, given the increase in positive cases in the Tshwane District.

The PSA, meanwhile, urges its members to remain safe, wear masks, and observe all COVID-19 regulations. The PSA also appeals to facility managers in Tshwane to fast-track the test results of all employees and ensure that buildings are sanitised and deep cleaned on a regular basis and as the need arises.

The PSA will continue to engage clinics in Tshwane when cases are reported to improve working conditions and ensure that employees do not continue to work in environments that expose them to the risk of contracting the virus. The right to life and safety of employees should at all material times remain the outmost priority during this pandemic.

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