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COVID-19: 14 workers test positive at Themba Hospital, Mpumalanga

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) calls for the immediate closure of Themba Hospital in Mbombela in Mpumalanga, as 14 employees at the Hospital's theater unit tested positive for COVID-19.

On 29 June 2020, the PSA received a confirmation from the Hospital's management that 14 officials had tested positive. The employees have been quarantined and decontamination of affected units is in progress. Management. However, issued a circular stating that the Hospital will continue to operate under strict supervision. The PSA is against this as the infection is set to spread to other units.

The PSA further calls for the testing of all employees and patients presently admitted and that referrals be directed to other hospitals to allow for the Hospital to be disinfected.

The PSA condemns the decision by management to continue services at the Hospital as this a gamble with lives.

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