

MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19: PSA appalled by unfair treatment of employee

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is shocked by the unfair treatment of an employee by the Department of Justice's Howick Magistrate's Court) after she tested positive for COVID-19 on 23 June 2020 and has since recovered.

The employee reported for duty on 14 July 2020 and was instructed to undergo a test for the second time to prove that she no longer had the virus. The employee approached the local clinic where she was informed by staff that there was no need for a second test. Upon return to her workplace, the employer was still not satisfied and called the clinic to confirm her status. The supervisor also told the employee to go home because the Magistrate and other employees were not prepared to work with her until she submits negative test results to the employer. The employee was further informed to submit vacation leave for the days that she will spend at home while awaiting the second test's result.

The PSA condemns the treatment and stigmatisation of the employee by the Department of Justice. The PSA will approach the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration regarding the matter to ensure that the employee's rights are protected.

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