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| **MEDIA RELEASE** | **COVID-19: PSA welcomes closing of Gauteng Premier's Office** |
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is relieved that a decision was taken to close the Office of the Premier of Gauteng today, as a result of the high infection rate at the office.

Over the last week, it was reported to the PSA that more than 20 staff members in the Premier's Office tested positive for COVID-19. The PSA took up its concerns regarding this situation with the Deputy Director-General of the Office of the Premier, which resulted in the closure of the Office.

The PSA has been expressing the Union's concern regarding the high number of positive cases of COVID-19, specifically at the Gauteng Call-Centre that is situated in the Office of the Premier, as well as the slow progress in taking action after the first cases of infections were reported. The PSA is satisfied that employees' health and safety have now been prioritized.

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