

MEDIA RELEASE PSA commends swift action on COVID-19 cases in Northern Cape school

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) applauds the Northern Cape Department of Education for taking swift action in closing Saul Damon High School, owing to escalating COVID-19 cases.

PSA members reported a rise in COVID-19 infections at the school during the past week. The relevant Circuit Manager, however, did nothing to assist the school whilst the number of positive cases rose to 34 learners and three educators this week.

The PSA approached the District Director owing to the lax approach in dealing with COVID-19 cases, especially as the Northern Cape currently has a high number of positive cases. The Union's position was it cannot be correct to deal with positive cases by closing and sanitising one classroom at a time amidst rising infections. This system was unproductive and useless. The PSA demanded that the school be closed, and that proper decontamination be done to avoid a prolonged disruption in learning.

The swift action of the District Director of ZF Mgcawu in this regard is welcomed and the PSA calls on all those in authority in the province to be decisive and swift in curbing the spread of COVID-19 infections. The PSA does not promote the unnecessary closure of workplaces, but where employees' safety is at stake, decisiveness and swift actions are required to save lives.

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