



FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (DCS) - MPUMALANGA

20-04-2020

Update: COVID-19 DCS Barberton

Management Area: COVID-19 progress report

The employer arranged a meeting with labour to provide an update on the state of COVID-19 operations at Barberton and Nelspruit Centers.

Health-care Workers and Security

Management explained that the process of getting Health-care Workers is being finalised. A decision was taken that the LMN (Limpopo Mpumalanga and North West) Region may get posts for extra Health workers. From this, Barberton will get 35 posts and these officials will assist with screening at the entrance gates at all facilities. Management also explained that reserve SANDF members will be called to help with security but will be posted at the entrance and not inside the institution.

Special Danger Allowance

An explanation was given of the additional special danger allowances, which means persons who are receiving danger allowance will receive an additional special allowance, in terms of the directive from the DPSA (5/5/4 Guidelines on Payment of Standard, Special and Additional Special Danger Allowance during COVID-19 Lockdown Period - 2020/04/06). This will be paid on 15 May 2020.

The PSA raised that members not staying in Barberton but working at the centers in Barberton, might contract the virus by traveling from home to work daily, and that it might have a risk for the spreading of the virus. A date for a follow-up meeting will be communicated to parties.

Members can contact the PSA Mpumalanga FTOB, Hannes Roelofse, on 081 016 5063 or Sylvia Watkins on 082 880 840.

GENERAL MANAGER