

FOR PSA MEMBERS: MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE)

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## Update: COVID-19 quarantine - South African Students from Russia in Mpumalanga

The Mpumalanga Department of Education arranged a consultation meeting with labour to discuss the isolation of 470 students who are studying in Russia and might return at any time at two of its boarding schools. The first meeting was arranged for 17 April 2020 and was postponed to 20 April 2020 as it left out certain employee parties.

On 20 April 2020 the employer presented its plan on how the students will be received and quarantined in following boarding schools: Thabachweu and Makhazeni.

The information presented had a lot of gaps and labour demanded that the employer must provide a written presentation of the departmental plan with the following information:

- Actual employees expected to go back to work.
- Will the employer screen and test these students before entering the facilities?
- Actual date of arrival.
- How protected are members?
- The conditions of service, e.g. danger allowance or any compensation.
- Type of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Are members going to be accommodated owing to the risk they may pose to their families as they will be exposed to people who may be infected.

The meeting was rescheduled for 22 April 2020 to address issues raised. Affected members can contact the PSA's Nelspruit Office: Benedict Mdluli on 082 353 3261 or Pamela Letebele on 082 880 8938.

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