

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT - LIMPOPO

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## COVID-19 closure: Polokwane and Modimolle Labour Centres

The PSA was made aware that there were positive COVID-19 cases at Modimolle and Polokwane Labour Centres, which led to the closure of the offices and employees are in isolation.

The PSA welcomes the prompt action by the employer to temporary close and disinfect the offices to ensure safety measures for employees. Further, all employees who worked closely with the infected colleagues, must be identified and screened to determine their risk levels.

Compliance with the Department of Health's Safety protocols, DPSA Circulars and the Department of Employment and Labour's OHS Directives remain paramount to ensure containment of the virus.

Members are advised that their safety is non-negotiable and they are within their right to refuse to do work in an unsafe workplace until the employer complies with safety regulations. The *OHS* makes it illegal for the employer to force employees to work in an unsafe working environment. Members are encouraged to report non-compliance with COVID-19 regulations to their PSA shop stewards and the PSA Provincial Office on (015) 295 0500.

GENERAL MANAGER