

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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Return of employees from isolation and quarantine

A national steering committee meeting was convened on 10 August 2020 and the PSA raised a concern, that the employees who return from isolation and quarantine, are victimized by certain managers. The PSA condemned the actions of those managers, who insisted that the employees must submit Doctor's letters or be re-tested, to confirm that they are COVID-19 negative. The PSA maintained that according to the Guidelines for quarantine and isolation in relation to COVID-19 exposure and infections, employees are not expected to be re-tested or submit a Doctor's letter, when they return to work after the prescribed 10-days.

The employer noted the submission made and agreed to issue a circular, with guidelines from the Department of Health, to emphasize the proper management of the return of employees from quarantine and isolation. The employer would also implement precautionary measures to protect those employees.

The members are advised to report any intimidation or ill-treatment by managers to the PSA *via* their shop stewards.

GENERAL MANAGER