

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-MTHATHA

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## Gateway Clinic shuts after nurse tests positive for COVID-19

The *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, 1993, requires the employer to provide and maintain a conducive work environment, which is safe and risk free to the health of employees. The employer must ensure that the workplace is free of hazardous conditions and substances which can cause injury or diseases. The PSA has learned that a nurse at Gateway Clinic, tested positive for COVID-19 and it was resolved that the clinic will close, whilst 108 employees are tested, in phases on 26 and 27 May 2020. Employees were advised to self-quarantine at home whilst awaiting results and the full decontamination of the clinic. The PSA welcomes the decision to close the clinic in consideration of the health and safety of its employees.

Although the Department of Health at Gateway Clinic, has adhered to COVID-19 measures, the PSA always appeals to members to adhere to precautionary measures to eliminate and prevent infections. Members should ensure that they are provided with PPE, to protect themselves and those around them, whilst maintaining social distance. Deviations by the employer regarding COVID-19 regulations and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* should be reported to the PSA.

The PSA will continue to monitor safety of its members. Members are encouraged to remain cautious and report any non-compliance of OHS regulations to the PSA.

Members are further encouraged to report non-compliance of the regulations in the institution to the attention of Mr Samkelo Mzuku at [samkelo.mzuku@psa.co.za](mailto:samkelo.mzuku@psa.co.za) OR call the Office on (047) 501 2500.

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