

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH-WEST DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (DSD)

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## COVID-19: Lack of provision of PPE to Security staff - JB Marks Treatment Centre

It has come to the PSA's attention that Security staff at JB Marks Treatment Centre in Potchefstroom have not been provided with personal protective equipment (PPE). Only sanitisers were provided. Based on the concerns received from members, the PSA wrote a letter to the institution's management and a meeting was subsequently arranged to address the issue.

At the meeting, the PSA reminded the employer of its obligation to comply with DPSA *Circular 7 of 2020* and the related guidelines. The Manager indicated that PPE was received from the Department of Health and that control measures in place, aiming at proper issuing of PPE daily. Employees are also requested to sign a register for this.

The PSA also requested that all entrance gates and offices be provided with sanitisers. The employer undertook to comply. The PSA will monitor the situation and keep members informed. PSA members are encouraged to report any related incidents and those that may expose them to risk through PSA shop stewards or contact Zhulfa Graaff ([zhulfa.graaff@psa.co.za](mailto:zhulfa.graaff@psa.co.za)).

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