

FOR PSA MEMBERS: EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Update: Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Committee (POHSC) meetings

COVID-19 had a severe impact on the lives of every citizen in South Africa over the past eight months. The pandemic also resulted in the establishment of various forums to attempt to contain and prevent the spread of the virus, specifically in the Eastern Cape Department of Health.

The PSA is proud to confirm its active involvement in POHSC meetings. The following issues are standing items on the agenda of POHSC meetings for monitoring purposes:

- Consolidated POHS reports from Compliance Officers
- PPE stock distribution
- COVID-19 Employment Report
- COVID-19 Training Reports
- Remunerative work outside the Public Service (RWOPS)
- SOP Rollout and Orientation Report
- POHSC Oversight Monitoring Report
- Psychosocial Intervention Report
- SOP Bed Occupancy

It was confirmed at a meeting on 4 November 2020 that the PPE status of stock on hand at facility and depot level is sufficient at some 80%. To improve PPE availability, overstocked PPE at certain facilities will be redistributed to other in need. All outstanding orders will be followed up for delivery.

Health worker statistics to date confirmed that 7 910 health workers tested positive for COVID-19, while 123 persons passed away. The impact of the “second wave” is also given special attention, especially at “hot spot areas”.

Statistics on training interventions and recruitment are very positive with good progress made. Training and recruitment remain on the agenda as ongoing items/processes.

The above-mentioned processes are carefully monitored and members will be informed of developments. Members are requested to share any non-compliance issues with the PSA Provincial Office in Port Elizabeth (041-501 6800) or Mthatha (047-501 2500).

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