

FOR PSA MEMBERS: EASTERN CAPE (MTHATHA AREA)

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Update: Various Eastern Cape Departments hit by COVID-19 Second Wave

The PSA previously warned its members of the COVID-19 second wave and advised its members to be cautious and vigilant of COVID-19. The second wave is hitting the province hard recently as the PSA received a number of reports in the following areas affected the with COVID-19 infection:

- SASSA in Qumbu closed after a confirmed case and fumigation was done. Employees are expected to return to work on 7 December 2020
- Gateway Hospital in Mthatha closed after 10 of its employees tested positive
- The PSA sadly lost a member at the Department of Transport, members are receiving counselling from the wellness team.
- Ncapayi JS in Butterworth is temporarily closed following COVID-19 infection affecting teachers

The report given above is a clear indication that the COVID-19 second wave is back and COVID-19 protocols should not be ignored. The PSA appreciates the immediate response by the affected departments to close the Offices, allow members to self-isolation and further fumigate the affected areas. The PSA appeals to its members to be vigilant and cautiously follow all the COVID-19 protocols. The PSA is in the process of writing to the Office of the Premier to consider allowing all departments to work on a rotational basis to avoid employee mass infections.

Members are encouraged to inform the PSA of the matters that affect their work lives negatively for intervention. Members should contact the PSA Offices in the Eastern Cape on (047) 501 2500 and Port Elizabeth Office on (041) 501 6800

The PSA further wishes the affected employees a speedy recovery and extends deepest condolences to the friends, colleagues and families of the departed souls

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