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FOR PSA MEMBERS: SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY (SASSA) -
EASTERN CAPE

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COVID-19 Infection at SASSA office - Eastern Cape

SASSA employees in the Eastern Cape, whilst heeding the President's call to ensure that people are accessing Social Relief of Distress (SRD) applications amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, are unfortunately exposed to the virus.

The PSA was informed by a local shop steward that a member at one of the institutions was infected with the virus whilst executing his duties. The PSA immediately contacted the SASSA Regional Executive Manager (REM) to determine if they are aware of situation and what precautionary measures are in place to protect employees, including employees who test positive. The REM confirmed that they are adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. When this matter was brought to their attention, the member was quarantined immediately and all those he came into contact with were tested and informed to remain at home in isolation until their results are available. He also indicated that the Department of Health is assisting with screening and fumigating of the office.

Although SASSA is confirming that it is fully adhering to COVID-19 measures, the PSA appeals to members to adhere to precautionary measures at all times 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 the situation to ensure compliance by the employer.

GENERAL MANAGER