

FOR PSA MEMBERS: GAUTENG DEPARTMENTS – IMPLEMENTATION OF LEVEL 4 (AFTER LOCKDOWN) CONTINUES

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## Implementation: Level-4 continues

Members will recall that the PSA reported in an earlier *Informus*, on the process of how level-4 will be rolled out in the Gauteng Provincial Departments.

The Provincial Steering Committee met on 11 May 2020 to discuss more details on the implementation. Unfortunately, not all parties were present, and the meeting could not continue. The PSA however, argued that we should at least put our concerns on the table, in order for the employer to respond when the meeting takes place again. It was agreed and the PSA placed the following concerns on the agenda for a response from the employer:

1. EMS – Tshwane: several of the EMS stations in Tshwane, do not have the appropriate PPE's, nor cleaning material to clean the ambulances and sanitise it daily.
2. Steve Biko Hospital: a staff member in one of the wards tested positive for COVID-19 and was quarantined. The ward was however not closed and is currently still functioning without being decontaminated.
3. Gauteng Education: PSA is aware that the Education Head Office and district offices are in the process of decontamination and that staff will return in terms of a schedule, that was provided by the employer. There is however, no plan or decontamination taking place in schools and principals, simply inform staff to start working again.
4. Staff older than 60 years: it is common cause now that staff older than 60 be regarded as a high-risk for COVID-19. Staff over this age is however scared to stay home, as they fear their careers might be in jeopardy or that they might be terminated. The province is requested to send out a circular indicating that the jobs and careers of members older than 60 years are protected.

The Gauteng Provincial Steering Committee will now continue talks, on Friday 15 May 2020 where the province will respond to the challenges.

Members will be kept informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER