

COVID-19: GPW remains closed for duration of level 4 lockdown

In the COVID-19 Steering Committee meeting held on 30 April 2020 the PSA was informed of the decision by the GPW EXCO that employees will not be recalled to report for duty on 4 May 2020. The employer's intention is for employees to be at home for the duration of level-4 lockdown. Should there, however, be a need for employees to be recalled in the event that level 4 lockdown persists and certain services become critical, the employer will give sufficient notice for employees to prepare for their return.

The Steering Committee engaged on items that will need to be procured such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitisers as well as deep cleaning and sanitising of offices that need to be done before employees return. The PSA will ensure that when employees return to work, the following are in place:

- Offices are deep cleaned and disinfected.
- PPE is provided to employees upon their return.
- Employees are screened before work commences each day to check their temperature.
- Employees who show COVID-19 symptoms to be subjected to medical testing and assessment.
- Workplace protocol that includes the surveillance of the disease and prevention of the spread of infections is implemented.
- Travel permits to be issued to employees before commencement of work.

Members will be updated on developments.

GENERAL MANAGER