

FOR PSA MEMBERS: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

16-07-2020

## Alarming high fatality rate of PSA members succumbing to COVID-19: Various departments

The PSA is concerned with the number of employees that are departing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It cannot be business as usual, when almost all departments lose an employee, either due to poorly managed observance of COVID-19 protocols, insufficient PPEs or workers simply not observing COVID-19 regulations. The PSA always calls on departments to ensure the safety of their employees to avoid complications.

PSA members at the following departments sadly succumbed to COVID-19:

- SASSA in Willowvale - member succumbed to COVID-19
- Department of Health - member at the Nelson Mandela Hospital in Mthatha succumbed to COVID-19
- Department of Education - The PSA lost yet another member and shop steward at the Botha Sigcau in Mthatha. The PSA warned the Department of Education on the premature opening of schools to avoid unfortunate incidents of this nature.

The PSA sends its sympathy and condolences to the friends, colleagues and family of the departed souls. The PSA is saddened by the loss, and we call upon the members to remain vigilant and exercise caution in safeguarding their safety by observing COVID-19 regulations.

The PSA reminds its members of the funeral benefit that the PSA pays, following the loss of a member within six months of the occurrence. The form can be obtained by contacting [pumla.kwababa@psa.co.za](mailto:pumla.kwababa@psa.co.za); [Zoleka.ngebe@psa.co.za](mailto:Zoleka.ngebe@psa.co.za); [Zandi.nompetsheni@psa.co.za](mailto:Zandi.nompetsheni@psa.co.za) or call the Provincial Office on 082 880 8959/ 071 701 9252/ 083 419 3423.

May the souls of the departed rest in eternal peace

GENERAL MANAGER