

FOR PSA MEMBERS: KWAZULU-NATAL

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Update: COVID-19

The PSA has been receiving complaints from members since the confirmation of first case of COVID-19 on 5 March 2020 by the Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize and the National Institute for Communicable Diseases. The following has been undertaken by the PSA in KwaZulu-Natal.

Letter to Premier of KwaZulu-Natal

On 12 March 2020, the PSA in KwaZulu-Natal wrote a letter to the Premier, Mr Sihle Zikalala, to urge him to lead in all efforts to protect employees, their families and society at large from the coronavirus pandemic.

PSA communication with departmental leadership

The PSA has been in contact with different departments addressing members' concerns on the lack of Personnel Protective Equipment for members. The employer has committed in supplying Protective Equipment and providing training to employees on Covid-19.

Compliance with DPSA circular 7 of 2020, NCD and World Health Organization (WHO) directive

The PSA has shared with shop stewards the DPSA circular 7 of 2020 and further call on the Provincial Government MEC'S and Heads of Departments to enforce this circular, directives from the Department of health and World Health Organization to combat the spread of COVID-19 with immediate effect. Members are requested to apply WHO prevention such as, maintaining social distancing practice respiratory hygiene, supplying employees with correct personal protective equipment.

Meeting with KZN MEC of Health

The PSA welcomed KZN MEC, Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu's initiative for engaging with labour on 19 March 2020 with regards to their readiness and allowing inputs from labour. This is not only the responsibility of Department of Health, hence the PSA requested other Members of Executive to take full control of the action plan presented by Department of Health and the World Health Organization for the benefit of their employees in respective departments and state organs.

Members are encouraged to immediately report to the PSA any non-compliance by Provincial Departments relating to COVID-19.

GENERAL MANAGER