

FOR PSA MEMBERS: KWAZULU-NATAL

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Update on COVID-19 at Pinetown Magistrate Court

PSA Intervention

The PSA made an urgent request that the officials be addressed by management to allay any fears, anxieties, and uncertainties that they may have.

The PSA welcomed the swift action of the Regional Head: KZN Province to deploy two of its Directors to the courts to address members' concerns on 29 June 2020. The Department was advised to accept responsibility of the collective and individuals to provide support, guidance, and direction to employees to highlight the greatest level of care and responsibility in the mitigations of the COVID-19 spreads.

The Department was also advised that all employees who worked closely and who have come in contact with infected individuals to be tested and granted special leave to self-isolate for period of 7 to 14 days in accordance with DPSA and Department of Health COVID-19 Protocol. The PSA further requested that the building must be decontaminated, and all staff be provided with psychological support from the designated employee assistance practitioners with immediate effort.

Signs of and Symptoms of COVID-19

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with any or all of the following:

- 1) Fever
- 2) Cough
- 3) Fatigue
- 4) Shortness of breath
- 5) Myalgia (muscle pain)
- 6) Arthralgia (sore joints)
- 7) Headache
- 8) Chills
- 9) Sore throat

Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea and vomiting are less common. Anosmia (loss of sense of smell) and dysgeusia (alteration of the sense of taste) have also emerged as relatively common and early symptoms.

The severity of illness can range from people who are infected without any illness (asymptomatic infection) to mild respiratory illness, to severe illness requiring admission to hospital or death. The majority of patients (approximately 80%) will have mild respiratory illness.

Members will be updated on new developments.

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