

FOR PSA MEMBERS: KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEEDBACK: Positive Case of COVID-19 at Mahlabathini Court

PSA received complaints from members with regards to a confirmed COVID-19 case at Mahlabathini Msagistrate Court.

PSA Intervention

The matter was reported to the Regional Head and management was advised by PSA to comply with DPSA protocols and DPSA directive on leave in COVID-19 related matters. After the intervention by the PSA the courts were decontaminated from 24-26 May 2020 and employees were screened. The window period for the infection, inter alia 14 days has lapsed and none of the staff have shown symptoms of having been infected.

What to do to Prevent Infection in the Workplace

Currently there is no vaccine for COVID-19. There are no specific measures currently recommended to prevent COVID-19 but the following can provide protection against infection with Coronavirus and many other viruses that are more common in South Africa:

- Practice physical distancing, this means keeping a physical distance of at least 2 metres from all people you interact with. This keeps you safe from respiratory droplets.
- Practice social distancing, this means not interacting with people outside of your household unless necessary.
- The use of a cloth mask (not medical mask as these are needed for health care workers) may help protect you and people around you. Please look at the recommendation for these masks.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 70% alcohol).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a flexed elbow or a tissue, then safely dispose the tissue immediately.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay at home when you are sick and try and keep distance from others at home.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

GENERAL MANAGER