

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO

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## COVID-19: Establishment of Provincial Disaster Management Advisory Forum

The Limpopo Provincial Government has established the Provincial Disaster Management Advisory Forum (PDMAF) for COVID-19, comprising of all sector departments, business, faith-based organisations, all district municipalities, and civil society formations. The PDMAF reports to the Technical Provincial Command Council, which reports to the Provincial Command Council chaired by the Premier.

The Forum met on 31 March 2020 where the lack of water in the Province as the major obstacle to deal efficiently with the management of the virus was identified. The provision of water tanks is also inadequate. Other challenges identified and receiving attention, are the lack of PPE, sanitisers and non-compliance to the shutdown call by the President as people are walking around with no protective equipment and without observation of social distancing. The concern of the Forum is that it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to manage the containment of the virus should it spread in rural areas, hence the call for compliance by the members of public remains critical.

The PSA commented in the media on several occasions regarding the Province's readiness to deal with COVID-19. The PSA calls upon members who are on duty to be cautious when executing their duties given the challenges. Those subjected to shutdown are requested to ensure that they stay indoors. Everyone should comply with the National Disaster Regulations, Presidential Declaration and Department of Health Guidelines to be safe to flatten the curve.

The PSA will be represented by Phillip Maponya in the PDMAF. He can be contacted on 082 880 8967 or email [phillip.maponya@psa.co.za](mailto:phillip.maponya@psa.co.za).

Members will be informed of developments.

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