

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO

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Feedback: COVID-19 containment/management during shutdown period

Department of Social Development

Bela Office: Members are exposed to risk of transmission of the virus as the employer only provided sanitisers and soap. There are no disinfectants and toilet paper and the Cleaner only works on Mondays and Thursdays. The six employees reporting for work were given only six disposable masks on Monday and are currently without masks. Upon engagement with the employer, it was resolved that employees will stop coming to work until the matter is resolved. The PSA will monitor the situation.

Vhembe District: The supply of sanitisers and masks is depleted and has been requested at Thohoyandou Child and Youth Care Centre and Mutsweteni Child and Youth Care Centres. Employees are thus working without the necessary basic protection whilst waiting for the delivery of stock. The HOD has been alerted.

Department of Health

The EMS failure to comply with COVID-19 regulations and *section 8 of OHS Act* is continuing as Siloam, Thohoyandou, Tshaulu, Makuya and Mutale have no sanitisers and masks. The latter office also does not have water. A water tank was delivered but remains empty. The employer undertook to investigate.

Department of Public Works: Polokwane

Personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitisers and toilet paper are not available. There is further no cleaning of bathrooms and offices during shutdown as Cleaners are not reporting on duty. The lack of disinfecting and cleaning of bathrooms creates unhygienic conditions. The PSA will engage with the employer to ensure an urgent solution.

Department of Employment and Labour

There is no provision of PPE, sanitisers and masks at Mokopane and Lebowakgomo Offices. The employer will be engaged to resolve the matter.

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