

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO

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COVID-19 positive cases: Various Limpopo Departments

Members will recall that the Health Minister announced the second wave of COVID-19, which also led to the President announcing stricter measures to contain the spread of the virus. The reported numbers call for more consciousness and compliance. Although Limpopo is amongst the least affected province, the fact that we are approaching the festive season with huge numbers of people flocking to the province cannot be ignored.

The PSA noted with concern that more than nine employees were recently infected at various departments, namely, EMS Polokwane, Department of Home Affairs, as well as the Department of Employment and Labour. It must be noted that the number can still increase as their contacts are still being monitored to determine their status.

The second wave necessitates implementation of measures to ensure decongestion of employees in the workplace, thus minimising the contacts. The stricter measures announced by the President demonstrate that it cannot be business as usual. The PSA urges shop stewards who are part of the Steering/OHS Committees to ensure that safety protocols are implemented. It must be noted that the province is also experiencing severe water shortage, affecting the provision of drinkable water and functionality of toilets, which calls for measures to mitigate the risk of contracting the virus.

Members must limit their movement even when away from work to save their lives and their families as the second wave of COVID-19 is reality. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing, washing/sanitising of hands, temperature scanning and screening of employees upon entering buildings remain compulsory as part of safety protocols to be implemented in the workplace. Members are advised to minimise visits and attendance of events, including funerals and weddings, where not necessary. December parties/get togethers must be avoided at all cost.

Critical and essential workers are urged to be more vigilant and cautious when executing their duties.

GENERAL MANAGER