

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO

25-03-2020

Containment/management: Covid-19 – Various offices in Tzaneen area

The PSA made unannounced visits to the Departments of Education, Public Works, SASSA, Home Affairs and Transport and Community Safety in the Tzaneen area on 25 March 2020 to verify full compliance with regard to DPSA Circular 7 of 2020 and Department of Employment and Labour Guidelines in dealing with the Covid-19 virus in the workplace.

Department of Education: Tzaneen and Motupa Circuit Offices and Mopani West District Office

The employer did not provide hand sanitisers to members. Instead, individuals bought for themselves or improvised. Masks were distributed once in all these offices but are now finished with no replenishing.

SASSA and Home Affairs

The employer had provided sanitisers, soap and masks and has fully complied with basic measures.

Department of Transport and Community Safety

The employer did not provide basic personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks and sanitisers.

Department of Public Works

The employer did not provide basic personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks and sanitisers.

The PSA will engage the employers that had failed to comply with the guidelines to ensure immediate compliance noting the failure to comply with all guidelines and section 8 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, which places a legal obligation upon all employers to provide and maintain a healthy work environment for employees and members of the public.

For more information, members can contact the PSA Labour Relations Officer, Mike Mkhize at mike.mkhize@psa.co.za or call/Whatsapp 082 880 2937.

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