

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO PROVINCE

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Compliance with COVID-19 Regulations

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – Department of Health

The PSA's Provincial Office in Polokwane received complaints from the EMS employees concerning inadequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The EMS offices in Giyani, Northam, Moletjie, Polokwane, DR CN Phatudi and the majority of Vhembe Districts, particularly those in rural areas, have not been provided with PPE or sanitisers. The PSA established that PPE was provided to offices around Thohoyandou but are also being depleted. Some offices do not even have water, such as in the Mutale area, and use liquid soap in trying to protect themselves, which is not acceptable. The employer confirmed that there is a critical shortage of masks, which is not only a provincial but also a national crisis, and they are still waiting for stock.

Mutale Magistrate Court - Department of Justice

The PSA established that there are no PPE but only sanitiser that is placed at the gate when members of the public access the facilities but nothing in the Court. There is no provision of masks and gloves. The employer requested employees to contribute money towards procurement of basic items such as sanitisers and soap and they correctly refused. The employer will be engaged to ensure compliance with the required health and safety standards.

Department of Correctional Services

Steering committees have been established wherein the PSA is represented. Employees are provided with sanitised examination gloves owing to a shortage of surgical gloves as suppliers are out of stock and no masks are provided. The PSA will urgently engage with the employer to resolve these problems as employees deserve conducive, safe and healthy working conditions. Members will be informed of progress.

Members can liaise with the PSA Provincial Office by contacting Mike Mkhize – mike.mkhize@psa.co.za or WhatsApp/call 082 880 2937.

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