

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICE

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COVID-19: Confirmed Positive Cases at Modimolle Correction Centre

The PSA was alerted that two employees tested positive for COVID-19 at Modimolle Community Correction and Correction Center. One of the infected officials is responsible for searching officials entering the center which implies that all officials who were searched by the official for the past week might have been infected, while the other one from community correction is reported to have frequented the correctional center on many occasions.

The Management was alerted of the positive cases and released only the staff in the EFT unit as they are of the view that others had minimal contact with the colleagues who tested positive. The officials who were searched by the said official remained on duty as the employer deemed them of being low risk.

Sadly, the workplace was not decontaminated after the reported positive cases as provided for by the Health Protocols which could result in spreading of the virus. The PSA contacted the Area Commissioner who confirmed that she is aware of the reported cases and she will visit the two workplaces to give support to the officials and ensure implementation of safety measures. DCS is one of the Departments where the infection of COVID-19 is sky high hence the laxity in dealing with this matter cannot be accepted.

It was reported previously that Modimolle was earmarked as one of the COVID-19 Quarantine Sites and to date there are no nurses deployed to the center for that purpose. The PSA will follow up with the employer to this effect.

Members are advised to exercise precautions to avoid chances of infecting their families and must approach the employer and report if they were in contact with the affected employees.

Members will be kept updated

GENERAL MANAGER