

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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Feedback: Covid-19 Steering Committee Meeting

A virtual meeting took place on 29 July 2020 and the following issues were discussed:

Non-compliance of OHS requirements

The employer reported sufficient PPE's for four districts except a shortage at Mopani. The PSA was concerned that there was a shortage whereas, it was initially agreed that district managers must monitor the level of stock, so that there is no shortage. The thermometer for Mopani was replaced. Districts to order PPE's in advance before they run out. The process to install JOJO tanks for Mokopane was finalised and the offices have running water. In terms of Groblersdal there was a challenge with the service provider during the installation, which resulted in the process starting afresh but a new order was issued, whereas for Phalaborwa an order will be issued after the quotations process is finalised. It was reported that Senwamokgope is having water challenges and the PSA cautioned the employer to urgently attend to these issues.

Employees infected with COVID-19

The employer reported that: -

- Thohoyandou office was disinfected on 24 July 2020 after being closed on the 22nd and was reopened on 28 July 2020, after an employee tested positive for covid-19 and there were 14 employees, who were in contact with the infected person. The PSA was concerned regarding the high number of COVID-19 cases and urged that safety measures must be implemented to mitigate the congestion of employees.
- Bochum office was immediately closed to allow the implementation of safety protocols after the employee tested positive for COVID-19. Contacts will be tested and/or screened depending on the risk level.
- Physical handling of the '1663 form' for the person who succumbed to COVID-19 is risky for employees, therefore the usage of gloves and constant sanitising is recommended.
- One employee from Mokopane is in isolation awaiting results.
- The results of employees who were in contact with the employee in Jane Furse came back negative.

Members are reminded to constantly wear masks, wash/sanitise hands and observe social distancing to ensure containment of the virus.

GENERAL MANAGER