

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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Feedback: COVID-19 Steering Committee Meeting

The virtual meeting took place on 8 July 2020 and the following issues were discussed:

Non-compliance of OHS requirements

All districts collected their PPE's for the month of July 2020. Delivery of masks for interns is imminent. Orders were placed for water tanks for Groblersdal and Mokopane and installation earmarked for 21 July 2020. The PSA was concerned that the matter is long overdue, and it was agreed that the employer will engage the service provider to speed up the process.

Compliance with safety protocols

The employer reported that a client at Lephalale tested positive for COVID-19 after visiting the office. The PSA questioned if the safety protocols were adhered to and the employer indicated, that officials who were in contact with the client were tested and placed in isolation, whilst awaiting their results. In Tzaneen, an employee tested positive after showing flu symptoms and was placed in isolation. The office was closed for disinfection and contact tracing and counselling is being done. The PSA commended the employer, for the prompt action in closing the office and ensuring that members are protected, and the employer will notify employees when to report for duty. Mopani also reported a problem with thermometers and the district manager would replace them with immediate effect.

The PSA cautioned the employer that the positive test at Tzaneen, should sensitize the employer towards enhancement of safety measures, to avoid further infections. Therefore, members are advised to continue with the wearing of masks, social distancing, and washing of hands as well as sanitizing to avoid more infections as the number of infected people is rising across the province. Lastly, regarding employees with co-morbidities who were recalled from Capricorn, after submitting medical reports, the employer reported that they were not recalled but arrangements were made for them to report when necessary.

Functionality of the Committee

The districts held their meetings including Mopani after resolving their connection problem. Members are encouraged to monitor compliance and raise such in the district meeting through their shop stewards.

GENERAL MANAGER