

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

18-09-2020

Feedback: COVID-19 Steering Committee Meeting

A virtual meeting took place on 17 September 2020 and the following issues were discussed:

Non-compliance: OHS Requirements

The employer reported sufficient PPE's for the month of September 2020 for all districts. The installation of a JOJO tank for Senwamokgope is still on hold pending the agreement with the service provider. The PSA was concerned about the delay and proposed that by the end of September 2020, the matter should be finalised. The installation for Phalaborwa to start on 18 September 2020 is appreciated by the PSA.

Alert Level 2

Upon issuance of the Contravention Notice by the Inspector regarding poor queue management where social distancing was not observed, Vhembe has started with a new approach of controlling the queue from the gate which has solved the problem of overcrowding and long queues. Capricorn divided their queues according to the type of services required. Other districts did not have problems with queue management. The PSA cautioned the employer to start preparing for Alert Level 1 in terms of returning to work plan.

Employees Infected with COVID-19

The number of infected employees is now 9 with one death. An employee who was working from home because of comorbidities tested positive for COVID -19 but the employee never visited the office. No office was closed due to COVID-19 since the last meeting. Two employees at Capricorn reported with flu symptoms whereas in Mopani and Sekhukhune, only one employee was reported with flu symptoms and were all sent home. No client with symptoms of COVID-19 has been identified. The security officer who reported with symptoms at Vhembe tested negative.

Training of Employees for COVID-19

It was reported that members continue to do the assessment from Wits and that statistics of how many employees completed the training and how many have not, will be presented in the next meeting.

Steering Committee Meeting

All districts held their COVID-19 meetings. Members are advised to engage Shop Stewards should they encounter problems with compliance.

GENERAL MANAGER