

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

11-08-2020

## Feedback: Covid-19 Steering Committee Meeting

A virtual meeting took place on 19 August 2020 during which the following issues were discussed:

### **Non-compliance of OHS requirements**

The employer reported sufficient PPE from all districts. They are awaiting approval from the municipality to install the JOJO tank at Senwamokgope. Installation will be done on 20 August 2020 for Groblersdal.

### **Employees infected with COVID-19**

The employer reported the number of infected employees is currently 8 with one death. The Napuno office of the Mopani District opened after being disinfected. The process of appointing a cleaner at Maruleng is not yet finalized because of one quotation. The Thabazimbi office of the Waterberg District opened after closing as they share a building with SASSA and that employees who went to test results came back negative. The Polokwane library gardens office of the Capricorn District closed immediately on 17 August 2020 after two employees tested positive and safety protocols are followed and the office is to be disinfected within the week. The employees who were in contact with the infected employee are in isolation and are awaiting the results. Services are currently rendered from a mobile truck. The PSA was however concerned about the adherence of social distancing in this regard. The employer responded that safety measures are followed and that only one client is serviced at a time. Vhembe and Sekhukhune Districts reported no infection.

### **Compensation for occupationally acquired novel corona virus disease (COVID-19) under Compensation for Compensation for *Occupational injuries and diseases Act, 130 of 1993 as amended***

Members should take note of the benefits in terms of the above Act, which includes the temporary total disablement, suspected and unconfirmed cases as well confirmed cases and reporting. Procedures to be followed are also outlined in the *Act*.

The PSA commended the employer for taking action to prevent the spread of the virus and cautioned that the easing of the lockdown does not mean the virus is no longer applicable as safety of members is still a priority.

GENERAL MANAGER