

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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## Feedback: Covid-19 Steering Committee Meeting

A virtual meeting took place on 22 July 2020 and the following issues were discussed:

### Non-compliance: OHS requirements

The employer reported enough PPE's for the month of July 2020 and they will order for August 2020 to avoid shortage. The installation of JOJO tanks for Mokopane started on 22 July and the installation of the tanks for Phalaborwa will commence soon.

### Compliance with safety protocols

It was reported that Mopani had a challenge with a thermometer, but a request was made for the provisioning thereof after the PSA cautioned the employer. The Office of Mopani can collect the meter on 23 July 2020. In Tzaneen, employees were provided with counselling and further supplied with a toll free number for health and wellness services, in case they need further counselling. The comorbidities matter was discussed and it was agreed that such employees will continue to work from home and only report where necessary to prevent spreading the virus.

### Employees infected with COVID-19

The employer reported that:

- Tzaneen, Jane Furse, Naphuno, and Atok were closed for disinfection;
- Thohoyandou just confirmed a positive case on the 22nd and was immediately closed to allow for disinfection and isolation;
- The number of employees infected from all offices are three. The PSA was concerned regarding the high number of contacts at Jane Furse;
- those employees who were in isolation at Lephalale, tested negative.

The PSA appreciates the prompt closure of offices, when there was a positive case to comply with safety measures, however conscientized the employer to quickly address members so that there is no panic and to speed up counselling and isolation to curb the spread of the virus.

The PSA encourage members not to report for work when they have symptoms like flu, coughing, and shortness of breath. Members are also advised to immediately inform their supervisor, consult and submit proof and be on sick leave. Report non-compliance with health and safety measures to shop stewards in your institutions.

GENERAL MANAGER

