

## Feedback: Covid-19 Health and Safety Committee Meeting

A virtual meeting was held on 12 August 2020 and the following issues were discussed:

### Workplace readiness checklist

The procurement process is underway for soap and paper towels in the bathrooms and delivery is expected around 26 August 2020. The problem of isolation rooms and air conditioners remains although the districts have allocated the isolation rooms but with no furniture. Head Office is yet to identify the isolation room. The ventilation problem is being addressed by the Infrastructure Unit and the report is still awaited. Districts have developed relationships with Social Development for assistance with psychosocial support where needed.

### Reports

#### Capricorn South

They reported that challenges are experienced regarding cleaning, as they only have 3 cleaners and 3 EPWP workers to assist with cleaning and no SHE bins in ladies' toilets. Furthermore, there is a need for cleaners and screeners at school level. The office was closed for 3 days for decontamination after a COVID-19 positive case. The office reported cases as follows: office based – 4 with one death, educators – 41, non-teaching – 4 and 21 learners.

#### Sekhukhune East

It is reported that five educators were infected with COVID-19 where three recovered, one hospitalized whilst one is still under quarantined, all eleven learners and one officer recovered. Two schools were closed, there are three cleaners at district and other circuits do not have cleaners. Other districts and circuits were not able to present hence they will be presenting in the upcoming meeting. The meeting was however alerted that only the HoD can close the premises in the Limpopo Department of Education. All schools that are experiencing COVID-19 positive case are visited by the Department of Health to ensure implementation of safety protocols. The PSA will follow-up on the issue of inadequate cleaning staff in the circuits, as the failure to ensure that employees are working in clean and disinfected offices, exposes them to COVID-19 infection.

Members are urged to report non-compliance to the shopstewards or the PSA Provincial Office at [Lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za](mailto:Lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za) / 082 880 8995.

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