

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Feedback: COVID-19 Health and Safety Committee Meeting

The virtual meeting was held on 5 August 2020 and the following issues were discussed:

Workplace readiness checklist

Gaps were identified on the form, where it was agreed that in-line with Department of Health Guidelines for environmental cleaning and disinfection in non-health facilities, the word fumigation will be replaced with disinfection. Furthermore, message to be conveyed to the Auxiliary services concerning soap and paper towels, where Infrastructure will be engaged to deal with the issues of isolation rooms and air conditioners, as part of compliance.

Update: COVID-19 Cases

Mr. Mhlongo reported that 183 educators, 97 learners, and 12 non-teaching staff were infected with COVID-19 from his branch. The issue of psychological services remains a thorn for the department, although engagements are underway to get service in place. It was further noted that the isolation period is reduced from 14 to 10 days and agreed that stats must include those who succumbed to the virus. Supervisors must support those infected and affected by the virus and any plans on psychosocial services must be communicated to wellness services. It was also reported that ten (10) posts of Social Workers are advertised to assist in this pandemic

Members are still urged to ensure that matters of non-compliance are reported to the shop stewards or the PSA Provincial Office to lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za / 082 880 8995.

GENERAL MANAGER