

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Update: COVID-19 – various Health institutions

The PSA previously reported departmental non-compliance with COVID-19 Regulations and *section 8 of the OHS Act* in that Mutale, Siloam, Thohoyandou and Makuya EMS offices did not have sanitisers and masks. The PSA intervened, and the matter is partially resolved, as the issue of water at Mutale EMS remains unresolved. It was also established that Clinics in Sekhukhune Districts received masks owing to the PSA's intervention. Shop stewards and members are urged to check the delivery with their managers as there is an allegation that some managers are not handing out the personal protective equipment (PPE) to employees. The PSA will monitor the distribution to ensure correct distribution.

The PSA is concerned that other Health institutions such as Nkowa-nkowa, Shiluvana and Julesburg are without PPE and sanitisers. Clinics such as Maake, Lenyenye, Khujwana, Lephephane, Mogoboya, Moime, Tours, Mogagapeng, Jamela, Letsitele, Mariveni, Dan, Muhlava, Zanghoma are also without PPE and masks. The infection, if not prevented, poses a risk not only to employees, but also to their families and communities and will be difficult to control considering the number of institutions that are failing to comply. The PSA will write the letter to the Premier as the Chairperson of Provincial Command Council and will also raise the matter in the upcoming teleconference meeting.

The PSA would like to commend Witpoort and Helena Franz Hospitals for complying with the required minimum safety standards.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER