

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Feedback: Departmental Teleconference Meeting

The first teleconference meeting took place on 7 April 2020 and the state of readiness by the Department as well as an overview in terms of the progress to contain the transmission of Covid-19, were provided.

Several issues were outlined including readiness in terms of planning, coordination and response to the pandemic. A monitoring team has been established consisting of different specialists to review strategies and tactics as part of the management of the transmission of the virus.

The assessment of health facilities from tertiary to district hospitals and training of staff for infection control was conducted. These institutions must have screening areas at the entrance, isolation areas within the emergency ward and be able to admit patients. Mankweng Hospital laboratory will be ready to be used from next week in order to test more people.

The Department further reported about the surveillance component which deals with identifying, tracking and isolating the infected and those who were in contact with the infected. Mass screening project is still on planning phase.

The Department reported that 397 000 surgical masks have been received and one million masks are expected. Further, 300 litres of sanitisers and hand soap were received wherein more stock will be delivered, addressing the PPE shortage in Limpopo. The PSA requested that employees are capacitated to deal with the virus and to protect themselves to avoid infection. Guidelines on the use of masks and training, will be provided.

The PSA reminded the employer about many neglected clinics which are without PPE, the report will be provided in the next meeting. **Members are requested to Whatsapp/Call 076 983 9852 regarding any noncompliance and problems at health facilities.**

Members will be kept informed of new developments.

GENERAL MANAGER