

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Feedback: COVID-19 teleconference meeting

The meeting took place on 17 April 2020 where the following issues were discussed:

### Frequency of meetings

The frequency will be weekly on Tuesdays to enable the employer to investigate and attend to issues raised by labour. Urgent issues will be considered as raised to avoid unnecessary delays by waiting for the meeting.

### Personal protective equipment (PPE)

The PSA indicated that some institutions in Sekhukhune districts do not have PPE despite the employer's report that there is adequate stock. The employer reiterated that there is stock and called upon all institutions to place orders in advance and not wait for PPE to be depleted before placing orders.

### CHW contract, criteria and household screening

The employer was not ready to report on the different contracts (i.e. 6 and 12 months) and the criteria. The 10 000 CHW have started with the screening and have been provided with PPE to last for ten days. Labour raised the challenges of transport, airtime, testing equipment and working times and the employer undertook to report in the next meeting.

### Jane Furse One-Stop College

Employees at the College applied for two weeks annual leave upon management instruction but recently received a SMS to report for duty whereas other colleges are still closed. The employer will urgently attend to the matter and report back.

### Malaria outbreak: Vhembe district

The PSA tabled a matter regarding malaria outbreak wherein one patient has already died. The concern is that Malaria symptoms are similar to those of COVID-19. The employer indicated that it is aware of the matter and will provide a full report at the next meeting.

### State of readiness: Cleaners at Health facilities

The PSA questioned the readiness of Cleaning staff at Health facilities owing to either a shortage, no training and lack of proper protective clothing. The employer will respond at the next meeting.

Members are still urged to report non-compliance on 076 983 9852.

GENERAL MANAGER