

# INFORMUS



FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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## COVID-19 Positive Case at Ellisras Magistrate Court

The PSA was alerted that an employee at Ellisras Magistrate Court in Lephalale tested positive for COVID-19 on 26 August 2020. The employees were then allowed to leave work at 14h00 and to only report for duty on Monday, 31 August 2020. Apparently, the office had only allowed interpreters to rotate, whilst other employees were reporting on duty on a daily basis which did not assist in the containment of the exposure of the COVID-19.

Although the employer is commended for swiftly closing the office, the PSA calls upon the employer to ensure:

- The implementation of a rotation system which will assist in the observation of social distancing;
- The identification and isolation of the employees who had close contact with the infected employee;
- The disinfection of the workplace in accordance with health protocols;
- Monitor employees with flu symptoms;
- Screening of employees including temperature scanning to enable timeous intervention for those with high temperature.

Furthermore, members are advised to ensure immediate reporting of flu symptoms so they can immediately be isolated, to determine their status before spreading the virus. Furthermore, they should continue wearing masks, observing social distancing, and washing or sanitizing of hands to protect themselves and their families and colleagues.

Shop stewards are urged to ensure the implementation of safety protocols, before employees return to work, to avoid exposing them to a contaminated workplace which will cause the spread of COVID-19.

GENERAL MANAGER