

FOR PSA MEMBERS: MPUMALANGA PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
SECTORAL BARGAINING COUNCIL (PHSDSBC)

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Update: Mpumalanga Health and DSD

COVID-19 Virus

All Departments are aware by now that the President of South Africa took a decision to lock down South Africa as from Thursday, 26 March 2020 for 21 days to 16 April 2020, in prevention of the spreading the virus in South Africa. In Mpumalanga, a decision was taken that Rob Ferreira Hospital will be the designated hospital to keep patients in quarantine.

The PSA raised a concern with the employer that not all facilities have sanitizers and other preventative items and protective clothing, especially masks, gloves and sanitizers. Furthermore, it has been established that some of the clinics also don't have running water all day, owing to water shedding.

On 23 March 2020 a meeting was held with the employer and a decision was taken that all JoJo tanks at clinics will be filled regularly as staff and patients must have access to running water. The employer also indicated that it will ensure that that gloves, masks and sanitizers are distributed to all facilities and hospitals, and that precautionary steps are taken at all hospitals and clinics to screen all patients before entering the hospital.

All meetings, Task Team meetings, disciplinary hearings, Conciliations and Arbitrations have been placed on hold as from 24 March 2020.

The DSD confirmed that all facilities do have sanitizer, gloves and masks, and a decision was taken that only community members will be served in extreme urgent cases, to prevent overcrowding at facilities.

Members can contact the following officials at the PSA's Mpumalanga Office if there is any deviation from the rules for the prevention of this virus:

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