

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE

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Update: COVID-19 Northern Cape

The PSA Provincial Office in Kimberley continues to receive complaints from members across the province about non-compliance or partial compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*. This is concerning, especially after seven into the national lockdown.

Department of Health (Tshwaragano Hospital - Kuruman)

There has been no supply of the basic personal protective equipment (PPE) at this institution. This is unacceptable and the PSA calls upon the Head of Department to ensure the provision of PPE at hospitals. The Hospital is a secondary Health facility and this lax approach cannot be tolerated. Whilst the PSA appreciates that essential services must be provided, the Union cannot allow members' safety to be compromised when there are preventive measures that can be put in place.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Upington

Members have complained about the non-supply of masks, gloves, and hand sanitisers. The PSA has condemned this lack of concern by the employer in the strongest terms.

Office of Department of Employment and Labour: Postmasburg

Employees complained that there was no PPE for staff currently on duty. The PSA demands that management addresses this problem immediately. Members are advised to report for duty but to be cautious not to expose themselves to any risks.

Department of Correctional Services: Tswelopele and Kimberley Correctional Centres

Members are still complaining about the lack of supply and inadequate protective equipment for officials on duty. It serves no purpose to give PPE to only some officials and still expect everyone to be effective in discharging their duties. The PSA has called for an urgent meeting with the Regional Commissioner to discuss the situation.

GENERAL MANAGER