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Update: COVID-19 Northern Cape: Schools

The PSA is appalled by the Department of Education's lack of care regarding schools. There are 26 schools that had to be closed in a period of two weeks, as a result of COVID-19 related cases. The COVID-19 stats, which grew so fast after the re-opening of schools in the province, to over 974 confirmed cases.

The stats show that Educators, learners, and other officials are contracting the virus almost daily. The PSA has been consistently calling for the schools not to re-open until after winter. The school calendar is under control of the Department of Education. Therefore, it does not make any sense that after scientists predicted that the virus will reach its peak in August, the schools were re-opened in May. The virus is extremely dangerous as it continues to claim lives. Unfortunately, there is no reversing that order once a life is lost. What are the guarantees that the 2020 learning year will be prepared for learners from other grades? The PSA herewith adds to the call that the schools be closed to save lives.

It's more disturbing for the department to renege on the promise that substitute educators will be available to replace educators with co-morbidities and those who contract the virus. Now members are complaining that they are recalled by principals to go give classes.

The PSA continues to advise members to stay away from potentially dangerous situations, be it at work or home.

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