

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Update: Tlhokomelo Place of Safety

The PSA's Provincial Office in Kimberley registered a concern about the spike in positive COVID-19 at Tlhokomelo Place of Safety.

The Office wrote a letter to the Head of Department in this regard. Between 30 October and 4 December 2020, one COVID-19 case was reported at the institution and decontamination took place, which is welcomed. However, this week, five new COVID-19 cases have been reported. This raises questions around tracing processes and the management of reported cases. After the new cases were reported, no decontamination of the institution took place. The PSA's concern is that management at Tlhokomelo Place of Safety is forcing employees to report for duty under these unsafe circumstances and threatening them with disciplinary actions.

The PSA still argues that COVID-19 is rife and there is no room for carelessness. The HOD has been requested to intervene as the PSA cannot allow the employer to subject its members to unsafe working conditions.

For more information, contact the PSA Provincial Office on 053 839 1000.

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