

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE SASSA

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## Update: COVID-19 Northern Cape: SASSA

As members would be aware, there has been a rise in positive COVID-19 cases at SASSA offices throughout the province, with 9 cases at SASSA offices. What is more disturbing is that several offices are not screening beneficiaries or officials, because of the ineffective tools provided by the employer. The Scanners at Tlhokomelo Local office, Ritchie Local Office, and Corless Road Local Office have not been working for several days and the matter was reported to authorities, but no improvement was registered. The regulations are clear, screening must be done for every employer when they enter the premises for work and when they leave at the end of the day. Beneficiaries are to be screened and their temperatures taken before they are granted access to SASSA offices.

This important step is often skipped because of broken scanners that are not replaced. We feel that the employer is not treating this matter with the urgency that it requires. Urgent intervention is requested. Members are therefore urged to comply with the COVID-19 Occupational Health and Safety regulations and where the employer is failing to comply, members should inform or report such behavior from the employer to the PSA provincial office.

The PSA will continuously advise members to stay away from potentially dangerous situations, be it at workplaces or at home.

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