

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH-WEST DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Update: Covid-19 Steering Committee

Measures announced by the President to combat the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the issuing of DPSA Circular 7 of 2020. Subsequently, a Steering Committee was established in the Department to address related matters. The Department reported that there are 4.1 million people in the province, and it has 206 trackers. The committee agreed that the number of trackers be increased. Currently, there are 14 sites of quarantine of which most are government facilities. The province, to date, has 24 positive cases and has screened more than 600 000 people. Currently, only nurses are trained for testing and there is an ongoing training program for trackers and community health workers

PPE

The Department announced that to date there are enough for employees and other orders will be delivered soon. All entrances and exits must have someone delegated to sanitise every person entering the building.

Transportation

It was reported that there is a shortage of departmental transport in the province. A request was made to the Department of Transport to assist with the borrowing of cars. The committee requested that there should, in the meantime, be a lease agreement between the department and taxi owners as members need to be transported between work and home.

Ventilation: Medical stores

The PSA raised the issue of ventilation in the Depot at Medical stores. The matter will be investigated and be resolved with immediate effect.

Members are reminded to protect themselves by regularly washing their hands, to cough in their elbow, and maintain social distance. Members are encouraged to report any related incidents or those that may expose them to risk through their PSA shop stewards or contact Zhulfa Graaff at zhulfa.graaff@psa.co.za.

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