

## Feedback: COVID-19 Steerco meeting

An urgent special National Steerco meeting was convened on the 20 January 2021 as per the request of the PSA. The PSA observed an increase of COVID-19 infections and fatalities and as result requested that the department implement additional safety measures under the adjusted alert level 3. It was reported that since December last year, 55 COVID-19 active cases and 8 fatalities were recorded.

The employer took note of the concerns raised by the PSA and among the additional safety measures to be implemented, they recommended to operate on 30% rotational basis under adjusted alert level 3. In addition, the employer recommended that those employees with comorbidities who have previously applied to work remotely, do not have to re-apply again. They should only collect confirmation letters from HR. The parties concurred with the recommendations by the employer. A departmental circular in terms of the return to work under adjusted alert level 3 will be issued in due course.

The PSA wants to take this opportunity to wish all employees who are affected or infected by COVID-19 a safe and speedy recovery and submit the heartfelt condolences for those who passed on because of this pandemic.