

Feedback: CCPGP Meeting – COVID-19 report and roll-out plan

Gauteng Province, represented by the Office of the Premier, presented the Chamber with the COVID-19 report. The numbers quoted were, however, old and dated back to the beginning of May 2021. The employer reported that the updated numbers will be presented at the next meeting. The employer also presented the roll-out plan for COVID-19 vaccinations for Gauteng Provincial employees. The province, in partnership with the GEMS medical aid, identified several vaccination sites that will be used and a process of inspections to ensure that the sites adhere to all rules and regulations is now underway.

The PSA requested clarity on whether GEMS will vaccinate all employees regardless if they belong to GEMS. The employer confirmed that it would be regardless of whether one belongs to GEMS (even those who belong to other medical aids), as long as you are employed by the Gauteng Provincial Government. More information on the location of sites will be disclosed as soon as all inspections and approvals are finalised.

The PSA would like to remind members that the process of vaccinations is entirely voluntary and that no individual can be forced to be vaccinated. The PSA, however, urges members to consider the possibility of vaccination as it is the only method available to create herd immunity and successfully fight the pandemic. Registration of the age groups between 40 and 60 will open at the beginning of July 2021.

Condition: Gauteng Government Buildings

The presenter of the point was off sick, and the issue has been deferred to a special CCPGP meeting to take place in July 2021.

PMDS progress

The PSA noted that the item of PMDS progress was removed from the agenda of the Chamber and insisted that it be placed back as a standing item. It is that time of the year that employer must finalise the evaluation processes of the previous evaluation year and the Chamber needs to monitor the finalisation and implementation closely. The employer will provide a comprehensive report in the next meeting on progress made with the PMDS process.

The PSA wants to take this opportunity to wish all employees who are unwell owing to COVID-19 a safe and speedy recovery.

GENERAL MANAGER