

COVID-19 positive cases

The PSA is concerned about the rising number of COVID-19 positive cases amongst public servants in Limpopo. The PSA was alerted that four employees tested positive for COVID-19 at the Department of Social Development's Phagameng Office, and 24 employees at the Health Department's Waterberg District Office. Home Affairs also experienced positive cases at the Lephalale, Mokopane, Thohoyandou, and Mankweng Offices, which led to closure. The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure also experienced positive cases, as did the SASSA Regional Office and Department of Justice (Polokwane Magistrates Court).

The decontamination of offices before workers can return to offices remains critical and members are advised to ensure that the employer complies with COVID-19 protocols. Employers are urged to continue with the rotation system, which will assist with decongestion of workplaces, and where positive cases are experienced, services will not totally be disrupted.

The PSA wishes infected employees a speedy recovery. Members are urged to constantly wear masks, sanitise, wash hands with soap, observe social distance, limit movements whilst on duty or away from work, and avoid social gatherings and congested places.

Members are advised that if not feeling well, to immediately report to the employer and obtain permission to rather stay at home and seek medical attention.

Shop stewards are urged to constantly monitor compliance with COVID-19 regulations, OHS matters and to address other workplace challenges. Where matters cannot be resolved, escalate these to the PSA Provincial Office at queen.seema@psa.co.za or (015) 295 0500.

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