

## Update: COVID-19 positive cases - Modimolle Correctional Centre

The PSA was informed that there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at Modimolle Correctional Centre with 24 inmates and three officials having tested positive. Subsequently, the Department transferred all offenders who tested positive to Standerton Correctional Centre for quarantine and isolation purposes whilst the officials are quarantined at the respective residences. Further, the Department of Health was contacted to assist with the screening and testing of both offenders and officials.

The PSA engaged the Department of Health to assist with the screening and testing of both inmates and officials and all inmates and officials who had symptoms were tested. The Department is, however, planning to test even those who do not have symptoms as a precautionary measure. As part of the containment of the virus, the Department has implemented safety measures, which includes:

- Closing of the centre for two weeks
- 50% staffing principles
- Suspension of 'in-and-out' movements, inclusive of new admissions and transfers.

The employer further undertook to constantly engage with labour on this matter and the PSA commends the management for the prompt response to the outbreak and prioritising the lives of employees.

GENERAL MANAGER