

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS, AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

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COVID-19 positive cases

The PSA was alerted to a positive Covid-19 case at the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Head Office, in the Works Towers in Polokwane. The infected employee reported for work on 2 August 2021 and was subsequently released. The building was closed to allow for disinfection and implementation of safety protocols. Contact tracing is underway to ensure the containment of the virus and employees are expected to return to work on 5 August 2021.

Although the employer is commended for the timely communication, compliance with COVID-19 regulations, including the implementation of track-and-trace measures, the release of workers to facilitate disinfection of the workplace, the PSA is concerned about the number of the cases at the Department since the outbreak of the pandemic. Implementation of a rotation system will assist with decongestion of the workplace and where positive cases are experienced, services will not totally be disrupted. The PSA has called the employer on numerous occasions to ensure implementation of COVID-19 protocols including the reduction of employees in the workplace, which has not complied with.

Members are still urged to constantly wear masks, sanitise or wash hands with soap, observe social distancing, limit movements whilst on duty or away from work and avoid social gatherings and congested places. Members are further advised to immediately report to the employer if they are not feeling well and obtain permission to stay at home.

Shop stewards are urged to constantly monitor compliance with COVID-19 regulations, OHS matters and address other workplace challenges. Matters that cannot be resolved must be escalated to the PSA Provincial Office to queen.seema@psa.co.za or 015 295 0500.

The PSA wishes a speedy recovery to those affected by COVID-19.

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