

Update: Alleged disregard of COVID-19 protocols at Paballelo High School, Upington

The PSA received complaints from members at Paballelo High School in Upington regarding alleged disregard of COVID-19 protocols. An educator who showed symptoms of COVID-19 earlier this week, did not isolate, but continued with teaching at the School. The results came out positive and the staff were not informed accordingly.

The School was eventually closed after the PSA contacted the District Director for intervention. Members reported that 35 learners are believed to be infected by the virus at school this week. However, the School management is only mentioning one case.

The PSA calls on the HOD to investigate the numbers of COVID-19 infections officially reported by the School management to ensure accurate reporting. Members are advised that reporting for duty while being positive with COVID-19, is serious misconduct. Recent case law suggests that where an official who was COVID-19 positive continued to report for work, was found guilty of serious misconduct and was dismissed. It is the responsibility of the employee to inform the employer on their COVID-19 status.

The PSA continues to advise members to not enter places that are dangerous to their health. For more clarity contact the PSA Provincial Office on (053) 839 1000.

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