

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE

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## Update: De Aar Correctional Centre and Floors Clinic: Northern Cape

The PSA welcomes the closing of the De Aar Correctional Centre. It is plausible that after 24 COVID-19 positive cases being reported, this step is taken. This is encouraging when the employer takes members' lives seriously. While production must be in place, it cannot be at the expense of lives. It is also appreciated that there will be no movement of inmates until further notice at the institution.

The Northern Cape is currently registering higher numbers of COVID-19 positive cases. The challenge is that some individuals refuse to wear masks, thus exacerbating the problem. At Floors Clinic in Kimberley, PSA members complained of the verbal abuse they suffer from members of public who arrive at the clinic without masks. It is the responsibility of the management of institutions to enforce COVID-19 regulations. No member of the public should be allowed in public institutions without masks.

The PSA calls on the HOD of the Department of Health to ensure that the service provider at security gates performs according to the service level agreement signed. Workers should not be exposed to potentially dangerous situations at their workplaces. For further clarity, contact the PSA Provincial Office on (053) 839 1000.

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