



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA welcomes expansion of COVID-19 Vaccination Program in Limpopo**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the expansion of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program to Primary Health Care facilities, including clinics in Limpopo.

The Limpopo Premier and MEC of Health recently launched the program at Ga Semenya Clinic in Moletjie, where they pledged to ensure that 247 clinics be activated as vaccination centres. The initiative will fast-track the achievement of mass immunity that will assist the province to save lives and restores economic activity.

The province has done well thus far in terms of the vaccine roll-out program and has made it easier for the people of Limpopo to access these services through various initiatives. Whilst this initiative is applauded by the PSA, the Department is called upon to ensure that clinics are fully capacitated to run the program. It must be noted that chronic staff shortages at most clinics have the potential of adversely affecting the provision of this service. The administration and payment of overtime remuneration need to be effective as health workers are continuing to commit themselves and going beyond the call of duty, but are being failed by the Department, which is taking more than three months to pay overtime remuneration.

The PSA further calls for the Department to focus on the maintenance of workplace infrastructure, including equipment at clinics, to ensure the successful execution of the Vaccination Program.

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