

Feedback: Provincial OHS/COVID-19 meeting: 22 July 2021

The following issues were discussed:

OHS requirements

The employer has committed that training will be conducted by 30 July 2021. Further, Mr Francis will only visit Phalaborwa office to assist with the evacuation plan. Public Works is still sourcing service providers for fire extinguishers.

COVID-19 management

An order has been placed for masks and delivery is awaited. However, upon pressure by the PSA for speedy delivery, the employer committed that the service provider will deliver on 28 July 2021.

Employees infected with COVID-19

The number of infected employees is 96 (24 cases from third wave) with 84 recoveries, 4 deaths and 8 active cases. The increasing number is concerning.

Cleaner: Lebowakgomo

Since there is a need for an additional Cleaner at Lebowakgomo, a submission was generated for appointment same. Other offices will also be assessed and a report will be provided at the next meeting.

Mobile-truck operations

It was reported that mobile-truck operations are not supported as they work alone and district managers were instructed to support them with immediate effect. It was reported that mobile offices are supported by adding an additional employee in districts and Vhembe will confirm this.

Vaccine rollout

All employees will be vaccinated from 26 July 2021, irrespective of age. A list of vaccine centres will be distributed.

Malamulele landline

The replacement of a new phone still underway, although the PSA expressed dissatisfaction that the matter is delayed.

Decongestion of employees

The PSA raised a concern about non-compliance with DPSA circulars regarding staff rotation. It was reported that districts implemented rotation and for small offices it is not possible since some offices only have one or two employees.

Steering Committee meeting

District meetings are disrupted by COVID-19 positive cases. Members are reminded to obtain permission not to report for duty should they experience symptoms of COVID-19 whilst any non-compliance of safety measures must be reported to shop stewards.

GENERAL MANAGER