

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT – EASTERN CAPE

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Feedback: Mthatha High Court - victory for PSA members

Members will recall that the Mthatha High Court was affected by at least four employees who were confirmed positive to COVID-19 with one mortality in the week ending 16 July 2021. The PSA was alerted that the building was not decontaminated and employees who were close contacts to the deceased and infected employees were not granted special leave to self-isolate. The PSA, upon hearing this devastating news, demanded the following:

- That the building be decontaminated by 16 July 2021
- Employees be released to go home by 13:00 on 16 July 2021
- Allow close contacts to quarantine as per the DPSA guidelines
- Invite the Department of Health to test employees on 19 July 2021

The PSA is pleased to report that the building was decontaminated on 16 July 2021, and the Department of Health conducted rapid COVID-19 tests on 19 July 2021 at PSA's insistence. The rapid COVID-19 test allows for immediate issuance of COVID-19 results, where in the case of a confirmed case, an employee will be released to go home for further medical attention, whilst those who tested negative will be required to go back to work.

Members are urged to be more vigilant and keep the momentum by contacting the PSA for intervention on (047) 501 2500 or email samkelo.mzuku@psa.co.za.

The PSA wants to take this opportunity to wish all employees who are unwell owing to COVID-19 a safe and speedy recovery.

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