

Feedback: COVID-19 Steering Committee – 30 July 2021

Reported cases

It was reported that during the third wave the number of positive cases decreased. Only two positive cases were reported as of 30 July 2021, with three fatalities. The total number of reported cases currently amounts to 80.

Vaccination

The employer is on a campaign of promoting and encouraging members to take vaccines. A biomatrix would be created to capture vaccinated members for record purposes. Any members can instantly vaccine after the confirmation of being registered, even if there is no response received on the date. The employer, through Employee Health and Wellness (EHW), is on a campaign to dispel negative myths about vaccine communication to employees.

Communication strategy

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that Information, Communication and Telecommunication (ICT) Section creates a portal for continuous reporting on the pandemic and for it to be accessible to members. It was also agreed that the current awareness campaign continues to assist with the dissemination of updated information as it is received.

Quality and availability: Personal protective equipment

The employer reported that it is onstantly consulting the Department of Health on the quality of equipment and devices used to measure temperatures. This is, noting that with the new Delta variant that high temperature is not an indication of contraction.

Processing: Submissions and documentation

Concerns were previously raised by employees that there may be a possibility of transmission of the virus through files that are passed on from employee to employee. Currently, the employer could not find any conclusive evidence of such a possibility. However, in the interim, members are strongly advised to sanitise before and after physically handling documents and/or files, as a precautionary measure. The EHW also reported that it is are still in possession of sufficient PPEs. Alternatively, the employer suggested that it would be safer if submissions and/or documents can be scanned and transmitted accordingly.

The PSA expresses sincere condolences to all members and their families who were and/or are impacted by the pandemic. The PSA supports and encourages the taking of vaccination for the sake of your protection.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER