

Update: Steering Committee meeting - 3 June 2021

COVID-19 PPE

Districts reported that they had adequate PPE and stocks are being replenished upon request.

Cleaning of offices

Offices experienced challenges regarding cleaning owing to budgetary constraints. The Department is currently at the final stage of signing the MOU for the cleaning of offices in the province. The MOU requires approval of the Directors-General of both the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Correctional Services, which is in process. Although the Department of Correctional Services has commenced with the cleaning of offices in EThekweni and UMgungundlovu on 3 June 2021, the CFO has approved a six-month cleaning contract for Prospection office, which was without cleaning services for a while.

OHS/SHE reps

An audit of all representatives has been conducted and it was found that many appointment letters were expired. Office managers were requested to fast track appointments of representatives at their offices where required. The PSA urged the Department to expedite the process as OHS in the workplace cannot be over-emphasised.

COVID-19 third wave

The PSA enquired about the plans for staff roster during the third wave. The National Steering Committee of the Department has not taken a decision on this matter and the Provincial Authorities committed to provide feedback at the next meeting. It further agreed to prepare its plan for the third wave and present this at the next meeting for deliberation.

COVID-19 statistics in the province

Total number of cases - 137, recoveries – 131, deaths – 6, and active cases – 0.

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