

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE,  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

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## Update: COVID-19 positive cases

The PSA was alerted that the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs suffered the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department reported that at least 14 cases have been reported. The number, however, might have increased to 23 as some employees who were in isolation are gradually getting their results and reporting this to the employer. Subsequently, labour engaged with the Head of Department on 19 July 2021 wherein it was resolved that the building will be closed for a week to allow for cleaning and/or disinfection to contain the spread of the virus.

The building will subsequently be closed from 20 to 23 July 2021. The Department will implement safety protocols, including tracking and tracing of contacts. The PSA commend the Department for prioritising employees' lives and ensuring the implementation of safety protocols. The situation demonstrates the importance of implementing the rotation system, which assists in the decongestion of the workplace and where positive cases are experienced, service is not totally disrupted.

The PSA wishes infected employees a speedy recovery and strength to those in isolation and awaiting results. Members are urged to constantly wear masks, sanitise, or wash hands with soap, observe social distance, limit movements whilst on duty or away from work and avoid social gatherings and congested places. Members are advised that if not feeling well, to immediately report this to the employer and consult a doctor.

Shop stewards are urged to constantly monitor compliance with COVID-19 regulations, OHS matters and address other workplace challenges. Where matters cannot be resolved, these must be escalated to the PSA Provincial Office at [queen.seema@psa.co.za](mailto:queen.seema@psa.co.za) or (015) 295 0500.

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