

Feedback: Provincial OHS/COVID-19 meeting

The following issues were discussed during a virtual meeting on 11 February 2021:

OHS requirements

The employer reported that the Cleaner at Senwamokgope was not reporting for duty from 3 February 2021. The PSA urged the employer to immediately resolve the matter and to make arrangements for a temporary cleaner to be made available as soon as possible to ensure that members work in a clean environment. It was also reported that progress was made at Phalaborwa with the water leakage, but that there is still more work to be done. The PSA will visit the institution on or before 19 February 2021 to monitor progress. It was again reported that outstanding issues at Modimolle are almost done as only network points are outstanding.

COVID-19 management

Districts reported that they still have PPE but Mopani has not yet received replacement thermometers at Maruleng, Modjadji and Naphuno. The employer will speed up the process. It was reported that the delivery of hazmat suits procured by head office has still been received but delivery is anticipated from 15 February 2021. The suits will be allocated to 190 members who are placed at hospitals.

Employees infected with COVID-19

The statistics for infected employees are currently 75, with 2 active cases, 3 deaths and 70 recoveries. The offices that closed because of COVID-19 were Philadelphia and Dzanani on 8 and 11 February respectively. Members are reminded of the counselling services available 24/7 as contracted by the employer. Members who encounter challenges with counselling services are advised to engage their shop stewards.

Steering Committee meeting

Districts continue to hold COVID-19 meetings. The PSA proposed that steering committee meetings at institution level be strengthened to help resolve issues at district level and not wait for the provincial steering committee meeting. Parties agreed as such. Members are reminded that the PSA is represented in all district steering committee meetings. Mwebbers are urged to report non-compliance with regulations to their shop stewards.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER