

Feedback: COVID-19 Health and Safety Committee meeting

A virtual meeting was held on 3 February 2021 and the following issues were discussed:

Preparation: School re-opening

The employer tabled a school readiness report as follows:

- The nutrition contract from service providers is running smoothly since it started on 27 January 2021;
- Scholar transport will continue as soon as schools re-open;
- Masks will only be provided to Grade Rs and Grade 1s;
- District directors must indicate if sanitisers given to them are up to standard and request additional if there is need;
- 18 801 people were appointed as school assistants to fight the COVID-19 pandemic;
- It was communicated to schools that as of 1 January 2021 any payment issued by cheque is phased out, only payment done by EFT will be accepted;
- Districts are busy placing learners who were not placed at the end of last year;
- It was noted that there are new routes for learners that need to be catered for and stakeholders will be engaged;
- No new masks will be provided to schools thus learners, educators and support staff are expected to use masks given last year;
- Fake documents provided by parents claiming to reside in town to enroll their children in schools in town cause congestions at the said schools.

The Department alleges that budget was not provided for procurement of masks, hence the DBE must take the responsibility.

COVID-19: Plan for special schools

It was reported that almost all special schools are closed owing to non-compliance with COVID-19 protocols and learners are vulnerable because of not attending school. The problem is exacerbated by the constant absenteeism of the infrastructure section in the COVID-19 meeting, hence no report is provided.

Workplace readiness checklist

Social distance markers are still not put up at most institutions.

A new security company started on 1 February 2021.

Mogodumo Circuit Contravention Notice expires on 15 February 2021.

Members can report matters to queen.seema@psa.co.za.

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