

## Feedback: Pietersburg Hospital COVID-19 Surge Committee

A virtual meeting took place on 6 July 2021 where the following issues were discussed:

### Union representation

Executive Management invited labour to the weekly meeting and indicated that labour will form part of the committee meetings going forward. The PSA is represented by Cde.Seanego who can be contacted at [perfectrooo@gmail.com](mailto:perfectrooo@gmail.com).

### Use of Pietersburg Hospital as vaccination site

The concern was raised that owing to the use of the Hospital as a vaccination site, it is perceived as a project of the Hospital, which has a bearing on human resources. Other programmes and services are adversely affected, such as provision of food for employees who work very late, and necessitates intervention.

### Availability: PPE

It was reported that there is adequate PPE, except for surgical caps.

### Outpatients Department

Management reported that Outpatients will now start to accommodate 50 patients at a time inside and others will have to wait outside and will be called as and when the specialist department requests their patients.

### EVDS challenges

Labour raised the challenge of the system in that it does not accept some health workers. Management indicated that it would escalate the problem as it is not responsible for the system but is only an end user. Members are thus advised to report their concerns to the shop steward to enable timeous addressing of these issues. Compliance with COVID-19 protocols is not negotiable and members must ensure that they are working in a safe environment.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER