

Feedback: Department of Health - Occupational Health and Safety Steering Committee (OHSC) meeting - 28 July 2021

The OHSC meeting was held on 28 July 2021 and the following issues were discussed:

Alert-level 3 promulgation

The employer reported that after the promulgation by the President on 25 July 2021 on lockdown level 3, the Head of Department will issue a circular in line with the DPSA guideline in managing the return to the work environment for employees to all CEOs of institutions for compliance. The employer agreed to also distribute the circular to labour. The PSA urged the employer to respect the DPSA guidelines to ensure that employees are safe.

Vaccination program

The employer reported that only 40% of Health Workers have vaccinated and this was a concern as it was expecting most health workers to vaccinate for their safety. The PSA would like to encourage members to consider vaccinating, though not compulsory. Members are also reminded to comply with COVID-19 protocols by constantly wearing masks, observe social distance and washing and sanitizing of hands.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER