

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Update: No PPE provided for cleaners to disinfect classrooms in Kuilsville High School, Danielskuil

The PSA in the Northern Cape received complaints from members at Kuilsville High School in Danielskuil about the following:

- Cleaners are made to disinfect classrooms used by an educator who tested positive without being furnished with relevant PPE.
- Learners converged at the school hall without observing social distancing.

It is even more disappointing that the PSA did not receive any response when the above was raised with the Principal. As a pre-cautionary step, the school was dismissed on 4 June at 11:00 to disinfect the classroom, which is a welcome step. However, it is concerning that other people's lives are put at a risk with not even masks or protective clothing being provided for them. The PSA is aware that at this stage, two educators have tested positive at the school already and seven are still awaiting their results.

The above happened during an upward surge of positive COVID-19 cases in the Northern Cape. The Department announced that there are over 300 positive cases in the province's schools. The PSA escalated the matter to the office of the HOD for intervention.

Members will be updated on developments.

For further clarity, contact the PSA Provincial Office on (053) 839 1000.

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