

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH WEST

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COVID-19: Members cautioned to adhere to protocols

It is concerning that the daily infections of COVID-19 in the North West Province are continuing to rise and are currently standing at approximately 911 infections per day and a staggering total of 24 290 active cases. Public servants are cautioned to be vigilant and to adhere to strict COVID-19 protocols as the current variant (Delta) spreads more rapidly than the Alpha variant that was first detected in December 2020. However, it is a proven fact that, the public health and social measures that have been implemented, prevent infections and reduce the spreading of the virus and can save lives.

Members are encouraged to, where possible, avoid visiting the PSA's Provincial Office physically, and to use other methods of communication to contact the Provincial Office to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Essential workers are encouraged to register for vaccination. According to the North West Department of Health, the total number of infected employees at departments that render essential services over a period of 12 months, are as follows:

- Basic Education: 760 466;
- SAPS: 162 000;
- SANDF: 101 000;
- Correctional Services: 40 000;
- Social Development: 241 000;
- Home Affairs: 8 500;
- Justice and NPA: 20 100;
- Traffic Officers employed at Public Works, Roads and Transport: 30 000

Please note that everyone remains susceptible to infection. It is therefore necessary to strictly follow safety protocols to prevent further spreading of the virus.

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