

SGEU Health Providers COVID-19 Pandemic Update

April 20, 2020



Addendum to the April 17 update – Worksite Preference Form

Today's update is further to information we sent you on April 17, regarding the provincial government's announcement about cohorting in Long Term Care (LTC), and the Letter of Understanding (LOU) we secured with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).

A conference call was held on Saturday, April 18, with representatives of the SHA, the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and all health care unions to discuss the public health order regarding cohorting and the implementation of the LOU.

Please note the following:

- All staff members who are employed to provide services in more than one LTC facility must as soon as reasonably possible contact their managers and disclose that fact to their supervisor at each facility.
- A form will be provided to all union members who currently work in more than one LTC facility to request information about your preference of location to work during the COVID-19 pandemic. This document is referred to as *Cohorting in LTC – Employee Worksite Preference Form*.
- The form will be provided to you by the employer and/or can be found on the Saskatchewan.ca website as noted in the employer's broadcast system notice.
- You must complete the form if you currently work in more than one facility.
- Completed forms must be submitted to all of your current managers no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21.

Information will be posted on a Cohorting Information Page on the Saskatchewan government website: www.saskatchewan.ca.

Your SGEU Health Providers Bargaining Committee will continue to provide you with information about cohorting and any other changes that affect your workplace. We will also continue to pressure the government and SHA to put measures in place to ensure all members can do their jobs safely while providing care to our clients, residents and patients.

We will be posting the above-mentioned LOU in its entirety as soon as we receive the official copy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Tracey Sauer at tsauer@sgeu.org or Diane Ralph at dralph@sgeu.org.

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In Solidarity,

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