

SGEU Health Providers COVID-19 Pandemic Update

April 3, 2020



Staff Screening Update

The SHA (Saskatchewan Health Association) has implemented the COVID-19 screening of LTC (long term care) staff as of today April 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Anyone, whether employed or not, entering any long term care home will be required to complete screening prior to starting a shift, through the following process:

1. Completion of standard questionnaire to assess health risk, if passed, then;
2. Temperature check for fever over 38 degrees Celsius (once thermometer available).

We continue to ask questions regarding this process. How are temperatures being taken? What happens if employees do not pass the test? This may expand to other areas of care.

Re-deployment of Staff

Talks and negotiations continue regarding the movement of staff and creating labour pools. We continue to stand by our previous statement, “We realize that we are in a state of emergency and we wish to continue the care and safety of the public. We also are aware of the need to continue the safety of our members, which will include the proper training and orientation into other worksites and the appropriate PPE that would be required. We maintain that we have negotiated collective agreement rights and any variances of such collective bargaining language must be agreed upon by the SGEU Health Provider Bargaining Committee prior to implementation.”

On April 2, 2020 in the SHA Daily Rounds COVID-19 Response, submission of staff names to labour pool was intended to go to all managers, not all employees. We are told the intent is to make sure the SHA is generating a labour pool in the event they see a surge in demand within departments as they manage through the pandemic. We question how Managers can begin to formulate a list without first speaking with workers and their Union.

Classification Shortages

The SHA has requested that your Union work with them to have discussions regarding how to manage shortages within the labour pool and classifications. We will continue to work towards ensuring membership maintain their rights and that the clients, patients, residents we serve are cared for in the best possible manner.

COVID-19 Questions

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, we ask that you use the [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) website for up to date specifics and for the self monitoring tools providing by the provincial government.

Please only call 811 if you have symptoms of COVID-19,

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in Emergency and medical distress call 911,
for all other nonmedical questions call 1-855-559-5502.

Please go to the www.saskatchewan.ca website for the most up to date help and information.

Communication

SGEU Health Providers Bargaining Committee will continue to also communicate with you. If you are not receiving communications from us please download our SGEU Health Sector App or go to www.sgeu.org go to the quick links drop down and to update member info. You may also be receiving a call from SGEU to verify your information that is in our system.

If you have Union related questions please contact Tracey Sauer at tsauer@sgeu.org or Diane Ralph at dralph@sgeu.org. We will answer your questions or refer you to the appropriate party,

In closing, thank you to all of our SGEU Health Care Providers who do amazing work. Your dedication, caring and strength in these times of great uncertainty is beyond what anyone could imagine. Stay Strong Stay Safe

#staysafe

In Solidarity,

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