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Date: December 13, 2019
To: All BCGEU Members covered by Sectoral Health Agreements
Re: HEABC Amendments to Flu Vaccination and Mask Policy

HEABC has advised bargaining associations that they have amended their Provincial Influenza Policy that previously imposed discipline on employees who didn't mask in patient care areas or receive an influenza vaccination. This means you are no longer subject to discipline for failing to mask if you choose not to receive a vaccination.

However, the policy still states employees have to report their vaccination status to the employer.

Vaccination, masking, and frequent hand washing are still the primary methods to reduce influenza infection rates in both patients and staff. Therefore, we have committed to reaching out to our members to encourage you to receive the influenza vaccine or wear a mask in patient care areas during the influenza season.

Our members play an important role in the health and welfare of British Columbians and limiting the transmission of influenza to vulnerable patients and fellow workers is an important part of our joint responsibility.

Reminder: BCGEU members are getting a new Member ID card this Fall; make sure your mailing address is up to date! Go to www.bcgeu.ca/card-questions for details.

Many thanks for all your support.

In solidarity,

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