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To: Dr. Mylène Drouin
Director of Public Health, Montreal

Inadequate action at the MUHC and request for your intervention

Hello Mrs. Drouin

The CSN union representing the 4,500 employees of the MUHC is here to tell you what we feel are inadequate measures taken by MUHC management in terms of prevention.

Two elements

1) The MUHC refuses to test workers with flu symptoms if they have only one or two symptoms. These people are not tested and returned home. This is a serious problem because if you don't test, you return home a person who may be healthy and you lose an employee you need. If the person is infected, you return them home without initiating care and they can contaminate their loved ones, who may also be hospital employees.

2) As of March 21, it is the policy of the MUHC that if an employee of the hospital who lives in a residence where at least one member of her family (spouse, child or elderly parent) is confirmed positive for COVID-19, the employee, without being tested, must enter the workplace if she does not feel any symptoms or choose to voluntarily place herself off work.

If the person enters the workplace because she thinks she is healthy or because she cannot afford to lose days of work and is in fact contaminated, she risks infecting co-workers before symptoms become evident.

If the person is healthy, how long will he or she stay healthy by going back to that residence every day and how many people in the hospital will he or she come into contact with every day?

For us this does not represent a security policy and for us it could be an "Italian" scenario where within the health system employees contaminate other employees.

Thanks in advance for your attention

You can reach us for more details

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