

April 1, 2020
Dr. David Williams
Chief Medical Officer Health Officer
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Dear Dr. Williams,

Re: Directive #5 for Public Hospitals

I write to express the same concern that is set out in the letter sent to you today from Smokey Thomas, President of Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU). *(A copy of that letter is attached.)*

Unifor represents 10,000 Ontario hospital employees and we share OPSEU's concern that the recent revision of Directive #5 appears now to make it applicable only to ONA-represented nurses. This raises a concern that preferential access to certain PPE is being provided to one set of hospital employees. As well the directive raises a concern that ONA has been assigned a consultative role about PPE excluding all other bargaining agents in the province.

Unifor recognizes the many pressing needs resulting from the COVID-19 emergency. One of those needs is absolute clarity about PPE. Confusion created by this Directive undermines our ability to work together in a coordinated way during this crisis. Unifor therefore requests that Directive #5 be clarified as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



JERRY DIAS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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CC: Warren Thomas, President OPSEU
Michael Hurley, President OCHU/CUPE
Sharleen Stewart, President SEIU