

PANDEMIC PAY

4,770 Ontario health care workers have Covid-19/ 13 have died

“I’m not covered, what can I do today?”

Message:

Please go to the website of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions/CUPE and complete the message to your provincial member of parliament asking that your classification be covered

Write:

To the email address below, explain what you do and ask why it is that your position is not covered for the pandemic pay premium.

MOH.PPinquiries@ontario.ca



Protests result in more staff covered. Some still left out

Well attended protests in front of most of Ontario’s hospitals on May 14 have resulted in the government adding many classifications to pandemic pay which it had not originally planned to include. Added are dietary aides, maintenance, sterilization, stores and receiving and ward and unit clerks, forward facing clerical and administrative staff and others..

Left out are some classifications. OCHU and other health care unions intend to keep the pressure up to include everyone.



Working group established to recommend next steps in campaign to cover everyone

OCHU has set up a working group with members who are excluded from pandemic pay, from a number of hospitals from across Ontario.

This committee will bring back a campaign plan. We will discuss this plan with the local union leadership and with the membership over the next two weeks.

Until then, we strongly encourage all members who are not currently covered to write their MPP and email the Ministry of Health (see page 1).

Eligible workers

Registered Practical Nurses, personal support workers, residential support workers, attendant care workers,

Auxiliary staff, including: porters, cooks, food service, food preparation, custodians, cleaning/maintenance and environmental services staff, sterilization and reprocessing staff, housekeeping, laundry, security, screeners, stores/supply workers, receivers, department attendants and hospital ward and unit clerks;

Client facing reception/administrative workers, schedulers, admin staff in home/community care

Mental health, addictions workers counsellors/therapists and case workers, intake admissions, residential support staff

Respiratory therapists

Paramedics

All staff in long term care, except managers are covered

For official Ontario government information on eligibility go to: Ontario.ca/PandemicPay

