

Date: January 26th, 2010
To: Senior Leadership Team
From: Todd Gilchrist, Vice President, Workplace Health and Safety
Re: **Rescinding H1N1 Pandemic 2009 Document:**

***Prevention and Management of Health Care Worker Exposure
to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Virus (October 23, 2009)***

As part of the business recovery process related to Pandemic, Human Resources has rescinded the above referenced document, effective January 25th, 2009. It is no longer accessible on the AHS Pandemic website.

Of particular note is the directive established during Pandemic that “*ill workers who are not receiving treatment must be off work for seven (7) days after the onset of symptoms or until they are symptom free for 24 hours, whichever is longer*” (page 3). This directive was put in place solely in consideration of the nature of the H1N1 virus and no longer applies to the day-to-day management of absence and illness within Alberta Health Services.

Please circulate this information to the Directors and Managers in your areas of accountability and request that, effective immediately, they revert to normal (pre-Pandemic) absence management practices for their employees.

Thank you for your support.