

COVID-19: Italian unions sign vital new agreement on safety of health workers

The graphic features the title 'SERVIZI SANITARI PROTOCOLLO SICUREZZA E PREVENZIONE' in bold, with 'SERVIZI SANITARI' in a brown box and the rest in orange. Logos for FP CGIL, CISL FP, and UILFPL are shown. A large orange banner reads 'Firmato!'. Below, an orange box contains text about the agreement's scope. At the bottom, a section titled 'Cosa prevede il Protocollo:' lists two bullet points: one about laboratory tests (TAMPONI) and another about surveillance for workers in contact with positive patients.

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Firmato!

Firmato il protocollo fra CGIL CISL UIL e Ministro della Salute
che definisce impegni e procedure per la sicurezza di tutto il personale che lavora nei servizi e nelle strutture sanitarie, socio sanitarie e socio assistenziali e nei servizi territoriali (nel complesso definiti "servizi sanitari") sia pubblici che privati in ordine all'emergenza sanitaria da Covid-19

Cosa prevede il Protocollo:

- Assicurare che tutto il personale esposto in via prioritaria venga sottoposto ai test di laboratorio (TAMPONI)
- di sorveglianza a cui devono essere sottoposti tutti i lavoratori, ed in particolare quelli venuti a contatto con pazienti positivi al

On 25 March, the three Italian trade union confederations - Cgil, Cisl and Uil - signed an agreement on health workers' safety with the Ministry of Health. The agreement covers essential preventative measures to protect workers in all health facilities and provides for the setting up of a national committee involving the trade unions to monitor the situation.

The agreement sets out strict standards of protection for all health staff including appropriate personal protective equipment, repeat tests for personnel exposed to the virus, measures to clean the work environment and emergency measures to maintain and increase staffing.

The trade unions are fully committed to implement the new agreement which is vital to protect staff on the frontline of the fight against this disease and whose self-sacrifice has already lead to many cases of infections and deaths among health

workers.

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