

Health union takes up problem of suspending workers or putting them on paid leave

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The HWURF health workers' trade union has raised concerns with the government that some health institutions are pressuring healthcare staff to take leave, in some cases, unpaid leave or are suspending workers on partial pay where there is a need for self-isolation or a lack of work where non-urgent care and procedures have been cancelled. The union argues that this is clearly in contravention of the labour code and urges workers who are faced with this situation to raise it with the relevant authorities and report to the labour inspectorate. The union has also written to the prime minister to raise this and a number of other issues of concern to health workers including the lack of personal protective equipment, protection of specific health workers - those who are pregnant, with young children or over 65, resolving childcare provision for working parents and additional insurance coverage for health workers who become ill or die.

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