

SOME CUPE LOCALS HIT BY MANDATORY RETURN TO WORK ORDER

Yesterday at 4pm, the government forced healthcare workers from CUPE Locals 1252, 1251 and 1190 back to work through a mandatory COVID-19 order. The Centralized Bargaining Team learned of this order at the same time as all of you, sitting in a room listening to the government's press conference. We were joined by a small legal team, who, when learning of the order, immediately began working on legal arguments and avenues to challenge this order.

Once the order was analyzed, the leadership of CUPE Locals 1252, 1251 and 1190 informed their membership to comply with the order.

The mandatory order came into effect at 11:59pm. It became apparent this morning that although the order mandated all CUPE Local 1252 and some CUPE Local 1190 and 1251 members back to work, employers were informing some healthcare workers they were still on strike and needed to go back to the picket line. The Centralized Bargaining Team held a press conference today to expose this situation, and you can view the recording on the CUPE NB facebook page.

The Order appears to stifle free collective bargaining and is a direct attack on the Union that dared to stand up for frontline workers in this province. The CUPE locals will use every legal avenue available so members' charter rights are protected. Within the next 48 hours, the union intends to file several legal actions.

In solidarity,

The CUPE Centralized Bargaining Team



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