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TO: Nursing Home Administrators
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SUBJECT: Webinar – Strike Contingency Plans

The Department of Public Health (DPH) is planning for potential strikes within unionized long-term care facilities. In accordance with Section 19a-497 of the Connecticut General Statutes, an institution shall, “upon receipt of a notice of intention to strike by a labor organization representing the employees of such institution, in accordance with the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act, 29 USC 158, file a strike contingency plan with the commissioner not later than five days before the date indicated for the strike.” Part of the preparation entails providing facilities with assistance in the development of strike contingency plans in the event labor action occurs.

The Department has scheduled Webinars for April 27, 2021 from 9-11AM and April 28, 2021 from 9-11AM. You only need to register for ONE webinar.

The purpose of the session is to review laws and regulations pertaining to nursing home strike planning, answer questions, review Strike Contingency Plan requirements and other documents you may need to submit to DPH. Strike Contingency materials that have been compiled by the Department can be accessed from the DPH website at
On the website, the documents are located under Forms, Licensing, Certification and Adverse Events, Strike Contingency Plan documents.

The links below are for registration for the programs:

Please register for the Strike Contingency Planning Webinar on April 27, 2021, 9:00 AM EDT at:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/776814935737503247

OR

Please register for the Strike Contingency Planning Webinar on April 28, 2021, 9:00 AM EDT at:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1553538876105722639

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Please feel free to contact Strike Coordinators: Norma Schuberth (norma.schuberth@ct.gov) 860-509-7970 or Maureen Golas-Markure (maureen.golas-markure@ct.gov) 860 509-7504 should you have any questions.