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**SAHO responds to HSAS strike notice**

The Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) expressed disappointment that the Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan (HSAS) would choose to issue strike notice for potential job action at this time.

SAHO has contacted HSAS and invited the union to meet next week to continue bargaining to conclude a collective agreement. Susan Antosh, President and CEO of SAHO stated “we repeated our message that we still had a little room to move and were interested in continuing discussions.”

Saskatchewan Regional Health Authorities have issued notification to employees who have been declared essential in the event of job action. The Essential Services legislation was put in place in 2008 to provide health services to prevent danger to life, health or safety of the residents of the province.

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*SAHO represents more than 40 health care employers in the province.*

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