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Dear Dr. Butler-Jones:

**RE: Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Workers**

Despite concentrated efforts by health regions and local public health departments influenza immunization rates for healthcare workers remain low. In most acute care organizations across the country the rate is 50% or less.

As medical officers of health for Canada's 18 largest public health departments, we are writing to ask you to make a recommendation to the Public Health Agency of Canada Human Resources Network that influenza vaccination of health care workers be made mandatory. We believe that this is the only way in which optimal immunization rates can be achieved.

Yours sincerely,

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