

PTOs ordered to clean vehicle after transporting infectious patients

Dear Member,

As you know, the HSU had supported bans by PTO members to no longer clean vehicles after the transportation of an infectious patient due to you no longer being eligible to receive the infectious cleaning allowance from today.

Late yesterday afternoon the Ministry of Health and HealthShare requested an urgent hearing at the Industrial Relations Commission to stop us going ahead with this action. Despite the HSU's objections, the Commissioner ordered that the HSU and its members not carry out the action. Whilst we still firmly believe that PTO members being asked to clean an infectious area without receiving the appropriate allowance is wholly unfair, we are required to follow that order.

This is not the end of the matter. In response to the HSU's arguments we were granted an urgent hearing at the Commission on **29 June 2018 at 10am** where the HSU will fight against the injustice of the Ministry's decision. If you feel this is unfair, and you are in a position to do so, we would urge you to attend the Commission hearing to show the strength of feeling that exists amongst members.

Even if we are not successful on the 29th, HSU will devise ways to make the Ministry's life difficult on this issue. However, it will be done in a way that will not be deemed industrial action.

If you have any queries, please contact Organiser Peter Morris on 0419 693 358.

In unity,



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