

Kindred Brea COVID 19 UPDATE

Hello all NUHW members,

Kindred Brea Hospital confirmed that two NUHW members had tested positive for COVID 19. Kindred also said *“both employees are off work and will not be returned until symptom free for the requisite time established by the CDC and our procedures”*.

Click [here](#) for CDC guidelines. We are awaiting for a response about the procedures for returning to work.

We’ve made some social practices recommendations to protect employees and patients. See Kindred’s answers below.

1) Stop Huddles.

A: *“We are continuing the huddles as that is a primary and critical vehicle for communications for both patient care and information on current safety practices. We are encouraging social distancing during huddles and keeping the group together for the minimum time necessary to communicate the vital information”*.

2) Limit the number of employees in the break rooms.

A: *“We are removing some chairs from the break room and opening the cafeteria room on the night shift to provide more space to increase social distancing”*.

3) Everyone without exception should receive and wear a face mask everyday.

A: *“There is not a universal face mask policy on place at Kindred Brea. We have already been providing PPE and masks as necessary”*.

4) Is Kindred going to start **contact tracing** to identify and communicate with the employees who might have been exposed to COVID 19 at work?

A: Management said No, *“because both employees showed no symptoms on the last day they worked and did not show any signs of the virus until more than 48 hours after working”*.

Seek for medical advice if you believe you were exposed to COVID 19 at work and start developing symptoms (symptoms might include fever, cough or shortness of breath).

Thank you for all you do. Our life depends on the work you do as healthcare providers and our Stewards are working hard to make sure that you are able to work safely during these extraordinary circumstances. Please contact your steward or union organizer, Isacc Perez Ramirez, at 626-391-8224 with any questions or concerns and please keep yourself as safe as possible. We urge you to go to the NUHW COVID 19 website which has information on safety protocols and benefits available for those who may have hours reductions, <https://nuhw.org/covid-19/>.