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Governor Michael L. Parson
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Dear Governor Parson,

Healthcare workers are on the frontlines to mitigate the effects of and fight against COVID-19. Hospital workers, nursing home workers and home care workers are united in our efforts to stop the spread of this virus and ensure that all working families are safe, healthy and able to thrive in our communities.

Everyone needs equal access to prevention, testing, treatment and economic support regardless of how old they are, the color of their skin, where they were born, or how much money they make.

On behalf of SEIU Healthcare Missouri members and all healthcare workers in Missouri, we write to urge you to enact the policy recommendations detailed below that will support and protect workers who are already on the frontlines of preventing further spread of this pandemic.

- Employer paid healthcare, including COVID-19 testing and treatment
- 15 days of paid sick time for all healthcare workers
- Hazard pay
- Child care and transportation assistance
- Adequate PPE equipment on the job
- Unemployment insurance for reduced hours or business closures
- Eviction and utility shutdown freezes

We also encourage you to follow the stay at home orders of Mayor Lyda Krewson, Mayor Quinton Lucas, and St Louis County Executive Sam Page and require the same stay at home order for all Missouri residents. Only with strong, decisive action like this will we be able to protect our vulnerable citizens and workers.

For questions or further discussion, please contact Laura Barrett at laura.barrett@seiuhcmo.org.

Respectfully,

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