

Dear members,

I wanted to let you know about important news regarding upcoming union representation votes for nurses working in Shared Health, WRHA & Southern region.

Please be advised that the voting period will run from August 8 at 12:00 noon to August 22, 2019 at 12:00 noon. The voting period will be preceded by an official four-week campaign period from July 11 to August 7.

All nurses will be able to vote 24 hours a day, online or by touchtone telephone, in English or in French. There will also be a Help Desk that can be called for assistance and will run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm during the voting period.

We are excited to announce that our campaign officially begins today! We have planned a robust campaign that will reach every affected member by phone, email, social media or in-person canvassing. This will include information meetings at your local/worksites hosted by Nurse Organizers and other union leaders. Stay tuned for more information from the union in the days and weeks ahead.

In the meantime, I encourage all of you to visit the MNU Voting Centre at manitobanurses.ca/vote for more information. The webpage includes an FAQ and summary of the many benefits of MNU representation. It also includes a variety of printouts you can share with your colleagues and encourage their participation in these votes. For your convenience, I have also attached our most recent campaign materials to this email.

Our membership polling shows that nurses overwhelmingly support MNU, and want to be represented by a union that is run exclusively by nurses, for nurses. MNU already represents over 97% of unionized nurses in these regions, and we are confident our membership will grow as a result of these votes. However, we believe apathy is our greatest threat, and need all of you to be involved.

I encourage all affected nurses to take time to VOTE MNU during the voting period (August 8 to August 22). These votes are more important than simply reaffirming your preference to be represented by MNU. It is critical for sending a strong message to the Pallister government that nurses are UNITED and ready to fight back against ongoing health care cuts and closures that are impacting patient care in every part of our system. We simply cannot afford to stay quiet at such an important time for nurses across the province.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working with you on this campaign.

In solidarity,

Darlene Jackson
President
Manitoba Nurses Union