

# Physician **MEMO**

To | All Medical Staff and Allied Health Professionals  
From | Bruce Walley, MD SR VP Medical Affairs  
Patrick Healy, MD VP Clinical Improvement  
Date | January 9, 2012  
Re | **Hand Hygiene and PPE Adherence**

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We have been made aware that some staff have been working while sick and/or when contagious. In order to better protect our patients and staff from hospital acquired infections, please adhere to the policy - Employee Illness NH-EOH-IE -504. Staff diagnosed with boils, abscesses, shingles, diarrhea, fever, vomiting and other potentially infectious disease should not work until symptoms resolve or they are approved to work by Employee Occupational Health (EOH).

Please note if you have shingles they must be fully covered if blistered and /or weeping. If shingles are in more than one location they are considered disseminated and staff will be unable to work until the blisters are dry and crusted.

Our hospital takes these practices very seriously, as they are integral to patient and staff safety. Breaches in these areas will be recorded and placed in your credentials file as part of your ongoing physician evaluation process. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Walley, MD at 718-5965, Patrick Healy, MD at 718-2892 or Sharon Henderson at 718-0751.