

UWU HOME CARE COVID-19 SAFETY STANDARDS

Every care worker has the right to be safe at work, especially during the exceptional public health crisis that we find ourselves in now.

These safety standards are the baseline minimum care workers **should expect and enforce** during periods of COVID-19 outbreaks - as well as closely adhering to public health advice at the time.

United Workers Union Home Care Workers COVID-19 Safety standards are:

1. Access and support to meet all COVID-19 health requirements
 1. Rights to full PPE for all Care Workers
 2. Rights to ask clients to wear PPE and/or remain physically distanced during services
 3. Right to refuse a service if client or household member fail pre-screening questions, are displaying COVID-19 symptoms and/or awaiting COVID-19 test results
 4. Right to not transport clients in hotspot areas
2. No loss of pay
 1. Any service refused due to the above should not result in loss of pay to contracted hours
 2. Full pay of special leave if tested positive or been exposed to positive COVID-19 case and forced to self-isolate for 14 days
3. Consultation and Training
 1. Right to inform health and safety representative of breaches to any of the above
 2. Right to up to date information and paid COVID-19 safety training
 3. Right to consultation with your union

You can take the following actions today to keep you and your client's safe throughout this pandemic:

1. Connect with UWU delegates by downloading and/or using the UnionSmart app to report your safety concerns and questions
2. Talk to your fellow teammates and co-workers to do the above if they are experiencing the same issues
3. Demand the Federal government to fully pay pandemic leave and vaccine leave by sending a letter to your MP today!

It's more important than ever for care workers to be standing together in their union and taking action to keep yourselves and your clients safe at work and in the community.

Use the below QR code to Head to our Home Care Hub now to take the above actions and join your union!

