

Dear Public Health Officer/Colleges/MLA,

I am writing to request you revoke the Order for mandatory reporting of personal information of Health Care Professionals in BC.

Health care workers have served their communities tirelessly through the past 2 years. Now as we near the end of the pandemic, we thank them with a notice to Publicly disclose their personal information? Without their Consent? And terrorise them with every wave of a virus in the future.
All whilst such mandates and restrictions are being eliminated in other provinces and worldwide!

How can there be any justification for this Policy of Harm - as we all know vaccinated individuals can also transmit COVID! What can be the reasoning for creating such a database that is likely to be used as a modern day witch hunt? Have we not learned from such endeavours in the past to stigmatise and discriminate practitioners living with HIV or Hepatitis B?

We all know from history that discrimination & segregation leads to Hate speech, which ultimately leads to Hate Crimes! Using terms in the Order such as 'threat to society' along with PM Trudeau's colourful language are inciting such hatred.

Have you considered the harms this Name & Shame policy will create in small towns, to practitioners of colour, of distinct religious identities, to those who work from home with children? Surely you have thought this through?

After many years of consideration, health care workers are not now required to disclose their infective status (such as HIV, Hepatitis B); YET in BC we want to disclose medical info on HCWs who are NOT EVEN infected?

Knowing full well that if they do get infected with SARS-CoV-2, they carry the same risk of transmission as a vaccinated colleague - which with the Omicron variant is more like flu symptoms with an extremely high survival rate.

In the PHO press release it was made clear that this collection of personal information will be ultimately used to mandate practitioners. As a reminder: Public Health and College's core function is to 'protect the public', yet we all know this mandate will have an opposite and detrimental effect. It Begs the Question: Who is making these decisions and putting our health in danger?

This policy will clearly exacerbate BC's shortage of health care staff and have a knock-on disruption in services. It is vaccinated patients like me and my family who will suffer. I and many people I know are comfortable being examined by an unvaccinated health care professional as we ALL were prior to the vaccines.

Please revoke this Order as it is a disproportionate response in light of the current circumstances, an unnecessary intrusion into private lives, and is clearly dangerous to the people of BC.

Yours Sincerely,