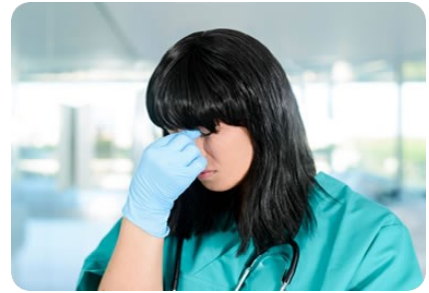




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Vaccination is an act of solidarity

We have entered the third year of the pandemic. And it does not seem like it is going to end soon. This certainly causes weariness and impatience to be free of the constraints that come with it.

But it is especially in these adverse conditions that we will need to maintain and strengthen **the sense of solidarity**, among ourselves and with the community around us.

Traditionally, trade unions have demanded that employers enforce occupational **health and safety standards**. This is all the more necessary in the circumstances of a **public health crisis**, such as the current one.

Occupational health and safety standards must be **at least equivalent** to those in force in the host country. One obvious reason for this is that the premises of the institution are also the workplace for **other working people**, who are not employed by the Court of Justice, but who are directly subject to Luxembourg law and the **health and safety** rules adopted thereunder. Their health protection would be seriously undermined if, in performing their everyday duties, they were to come across people who were "exempt" from these same rules.



Moreover, if we value the **universal right to health care**, this places us in debt to those who provide it. We have a duty to protect vulnerable patients and health professionals exhausted by two years of front-line fighting.

Vaccination plays a key role in preventing the overuse of health resources that would otherwise be unavailable to treat other patients with various diseases.

Many working people have had their incomes and jobs devastated by lockdowns. Many essential workers will continue to be exposed to the public and face a higher risk of contracting the virus. Healthcare workers in particular face a prolonged strain that can only be alleviated if people get vaccinated.

And the **telework** loophole is not available to everyone, even among the staff of the institution.

In pandemic conditions, individual health protection is inseparable from community protection. **Let us show solidarity!**

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