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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 22, 2022
To: All State Agencies
From: Office of the Governor
Subject: Employee COVID-19 Testing Program

When the state began its first of a kind vaccination or testing program, nearly 50% of the state workforce was testing weekly. This meant that almost 10,000 tests were administered per week. Now less than 10% of the state workforce is testing, and positive case results have dropped significantly to less than 1% of the workforce. The employee vaccination/testing program was designed as public safety measure to ensure the health of our workforce, and it has achieved that result.

The employee testing program will end effective March 25, 2022. To continue to protect each other's health and safety we ask that employees regardless of vaccination status continue to test when ill to rule out COVID and help contain any spread. Along with the sharp increase in vaccinations the state has seen a decline in both the number of employees with COVID and the severity of those needing treating. This coupled with the end of a formalized testing program lessens any need for a future surcharge on unvaccinated employees or their dependents. PEBP will be asking its board at its upcoming March meeting to consider a repeal of the surcharge scheduled to begin in July.

We thank you all for your continued dedication and diligence during a very difficult time of two COVID surges. It was because of your efforts in utilizing the tools of mitigation we were able as an organization to continue to weather the storm and serve Nevadans.