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COVID – 19 UPDATE 1

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the rapid rise of the Covid – 19 virus there are many questions and concerns by the membership. The Local Union leadership (Executive, Support Staff and Local Representatives) along with Unifor National Reps and Unifor National Leadership are working to identify concerns and issues around this situation.

You and your family's monetary, physical and mental health is important so we are advising members to educate themselves and follow the protocols and advice from experts and to access the information that we are providing to our membership listed below. **Unifor's website will be updated constantly as new information is provided.**

Resources:

Unifor COVID-19 Information and Resources: <https://www.unifor.org/covid19>

Unifor COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):
https://www.unifor.org/sites/default/files/documents/document/covid-19_fags_en.pdf

Unifor Policy Demands: https://www.unifor.org/sites/default/files/attachments/covid-19_policypaper_v1_en_0.pdf

Government of Canada Outbreak Update: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Government of Canada Income Supports for Workers: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html#individual>

Please also check the websites of your respective provinces for any additional provincial supports or resources that may be available to you.

BCCDC website for Health info about COVID-19: www.bccdc.ca

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

Health Issues: Dial 811 and follow your Provincial Protocols

Mental Health Issues: Dial 211 or access your EAP benefits:

If you have any questions please contact your Local Union Representative.

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Follow phone directory to get to your Local Rep and if not available leave a message you will get a call back.

Employment Insurance questions: Barbie Zipp Cell # 1.250.881.3515 zipp.barbie@gmail.com

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Other useful websites with information

Federal Government Financial Support Resources:

Government of Canada COVID-19 Financial Assistance for Canadians Outside of Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/emergency-info/financial-assistance/covid-19-financial-help>

Government of Canada Economic Plan & How to Apply for Support: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

COVID - 19 Employment and Social Development Canada Information Guide: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

Canada Revenue Agency COVID-19: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/covid-19-employee-info.html>

Provincial Government Financial Support Resources:

BC Preparedness Response: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

Income Assistance: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance>

Income Assistance Offices in the Lower Mainland: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/access-services#lowermainland>

Health & Preparation Resources:

COVID-19: Being prepared: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>

Government of Canada Symptoms & Treatments: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html>

BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment

Tool: <https://covid19.thrive.health/?fbclid=IwAR1NzQXV3eUgFa5bSimQ2wiRpXVRMZc1LPbqp5fUNIDFIK1Sc7yjhcc4aB>

HealthLinkBC & 811: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/services-and-resources/about-8-1-1>

Other Useful Links:

World Health Organization Myth Busters: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

World Health Organization Public Advice: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Government of Canada, Community-based Measures: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>