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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Due to the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on workers, program support criteria are subject to change. Be sure to visit www.unifor.org/covid19 to download updated versions of the fact sheets available to our members and their families.

<https://www.unifor.org/en/take-action/campaigns/covid-19-information-resources?v=full>

Unifor has developed a number of documents and online tools to help address your needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to apply for income supports, how to return to work safely, dealing with associated stresses and mental health issues, staying safe in your own home, and more.

If you are not sure where to start, read Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19 or select the resource you need from the list below. Be sure, as well, to check out the other tabs on this website for more information on resources for Locals, Health and Safety, Regional and sector-specific information.

As we address the on-the-ground needs of our members, Unifor is also campaigning to ensure governments and industry are doing their part to ensure a speedy and equitable recovery, including:

- [Build Back Better](#)
- [Fair Pay for Health Care workers](#)
- [Fair Pay Forever for Retail workers](#)
- [Reopening Air Travel](#)
- [Hospitality and Gaming](#)
- [Fix Employment Insurance](#)
- [Race-based COVID data](#)
- [Letter to the Prime Minister – Don't reward the use of scabs](#)

Keep checking back regularly. The documents on this page are updated regularly as programs change and new ones are announced.

Education Department webinars

Sign up for Unifor's Education Department webinar sessions here <http://onlineeducation.unifor.org/>

Special Recovery Benefits

- [Canada Recovery Caregiver Benefit](#)

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The Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) gives income support (\$500 each week, for a period up to 26 weeks) to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care. [Click here for more information.](#)

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit

The Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) gives income support (\$500 each week, for up to 2 weeks) to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they're sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk of getting COVID-19. [Click here for more information.](#)

Canada Recovery Benefit

The Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) gives income support (\$1000 every 2 weeks, for up to 26 weeks – or 13 eligible periods) to employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and are not entitled to Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. [Click here for more information.](#)

Unifor FAQs: Income Assistance, Wage Subsidies, and Other Benefits

- Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) [Read the FAQ.](#)
- What happens after CERB? [Read the FAQ.](#)
- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) [Read the FAQ.](#)
- [Applying for employment insurance: a how-to guide for Unifor members](#) [Read the guide.](#)
- COVID-19 and Pensions [Download the FAQ](#)
- COVID-19 Checklist for income replacement (March 15, 2020) [Download the income replacement checklist](#)
- Leaves relevant to COVID-19 [Download the chart](#)

Women

- [Domestic violence and the workplace during the pandemic](#)
- [Safe at home. Safe at work. End domestic violence. Shareable.](#)

Public Health Canada is your most reliable source for medical information about COVID-19 prevention measures, symptoms, and preparedness plans. You will find a complete list of resources including updates on the government's responses [on their website.](#)

<https://www.unifor.org/en/take-action/campaigns/covid-19-information-resources?v=full>

COVID-19 Information & Resources

<https://www.unifor.org/en/what-coronavirus-covid-19-means-student-transportation-workers>

The COVID-19 pandemic is having an impact on every workplace across this country – but the nature of that impact changes from sector to sector. While many broad issues are common – such as physical distancing, stringent cleaning protocols, masks – others are specific to particular workplaces and the nature of their work.

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On this page, you will find the resources you need to address the specific needs of workplaces in your sector. Be sure, as well, to check out the resources under the Health & Safety tab and the Local Resources tab for Local leadership and health and safety reps.

Be sure, as well, to check back regularly for new documents and updates.

AIR TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for air transportation workers](#)

[Government Support for the Air Transportation Industry: Virtual Meeting Request](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What Air Transportation Workers Need to Know](#)

AUTO AND IPS UPDATES

[Auto and IPS COVID-19 Memo](#)

[Download this memo](#)

ENERGY UPDATES

[Energy COVID-19 Info sheet](#)

[Energy Sector and COVID-19 Memo](#)

FORESTRY UPDATES

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for forestry workers](#)

[Forestry Letter to Minister Qualtrough](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What forestry workers need to know](#)

HEALTH CARE UPDATES

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for hospital workers](#)

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for long-term care workers](#)

[COVID-19 Pandemic Healthcare Worker Checklist](#)

[Urgent memo to health care members regarding COVID-19](#)

[Memo for Unifor health care members regarding Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

[Urgent memo to Unifor hospital health care members regarding Ford Government's temporary order](#)

[Urgent memo to Unifor long-term care members regarding Ford Government's temporary order](#)

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[Urgent memo to Unifor retirement home members regarding Ford Government's temporary order](#)

[Revised memo to Unifor long-term care members regarding March 27 Emergency Order](#)

[Memo to Unifor long-term care home members regarding the Ontario Government's April 8 directive](#)

[Letter to Chief Medical Officer regarding Directive Number 5 for Public Hospitals](#)

[Open letter to Premier Ford on the needs of long-term care workers](#)

[Unifor calls on the federal government for emergency drug coverage for all](#)

[Letter to Premier Ford regarding ineligibility of Pandemic Pay to many healthcare workers](#)

[Letter to Ombudsman Dubé regarding Investigation into the Oversight of Long-Term Care Homes](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What workers in the long-term care sector need to know](#)

[New Directive #5 Rules - October 6, 2020](#)

HOSPITALITY AND GAMING UPDATES

[Hospitality and Gaming COVID-19 Memo](#)

[Download this memo](#)

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for hospitality workers](#)

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for gaming workers](#)

Restarting the Economy: What hospitality workers need to know

Restarting the Economy: What gaming workers need to know

British Columbia Letter: [WorkSafeBC Presumptive Coverage for COVID-19 Infections June 16 2020](#)

British Columbia Submission: [Unifor Submission to BC government Hospitality and Gaming Sector August 10 2020](#)

British Columbia Submission: [Unifor Submission to the BC Tourism Task Force October 8 2020](#)

British Columbia Submission: [Unifor Submission to the BC Tourism Task Force October 21 2020](#)

MANUFACTURING UPDATES

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for manufacturing workers](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What manufacturing workers need to know](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What food and beverage processing workers need to know](#)

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MEDIA UPDATES

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for media workers](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What media workers need to know](#)

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION UPDATES

[Restarting the Economy: What workers in the post-secondary education sector need to know](#)

RAIL UPDATES

[RailLine COVID-19](#)

RETAIL SECTOR UPDATES

[Retail COVID-19 Memo](#)

[Download this memo](#)

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for retail workers](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What Retail workers need to know](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

[Letter to telecommunications members - COVID-19](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What workers in the telecommunications sector need to know](#)

TRANSIT UPDATES

[Transit COVID-19 Memo to Staff](#)

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for the transit and passenger rail workers?](#)

[What the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) means for student transportation workers?](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What road passenger transport and urban transit workers need to know](#)

TRANSPORTATION

[Transit and Truck Drivers License Renewals](#)

MINES, METALS AND MINERALS

[Mines, Metals and Minerals Workplaces and COVID-19](#)

[Restarting the Economy: What mines, metals and minerals workers need to know](#)

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WAREHOUSING AND LOGISTICS

[Restarting the Economy: What warehousing and logistics workers need to know](#)

Unifor Masks:

Many locals and activists have been inquiring about the Unifor reusable facemasks that have been popping up at events and on social media.

Unifor masks are 2-layer fabric, washable and breathable and can now be ordered directly by locals by visiting: <https://myunionstore.com/p/438/UFP-MAS-002/unifor-cotton-face-mask/#.X4WxzjpKi9J>



\$8.00 each Contact the Local if you would like to purchase one.

Unifor's website is constantly being updated as new information is provided. Unifor has many websites to direct you to for assistance.

Resources:

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

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/Individuals: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

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:

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>

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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-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>

Health Link BC & 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>

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