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## COVID – 19 UPDATE 19

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](http://www.unifor.org/covid19) to download updated versions of the fact sheets available to our members and their families.

[https://buildbackbetter.unifor.org/myth\\_busting](https://buildbackbetter.unifor.org/myth_busting)

In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, governments the world over are investing unprecedented amounts of money in protecting public health and preventing total economic collapse. There is a consensus that this spending is the right response to the pandemic. At the same time, this amount of spending raises many questions from people across the country: Can we afford this? How will we pay it back? When will we have to stop?

In order to address some of these questions, we've put together this handy myth-busting guide to help answer your questions and demystify conversations around government debt, deficit and program spending. It's certainly complicated, but not as complicated as you think!

A screenshot of a Facebook post. The post title is "Myth-Busting Government Debt: How deficits and spending foster growth". The post is from "Unifor" and was posted "15h" ago. The main image is a cartoon illustration of a bearded man in a blue robe sitting on a cloud of money, holding a green bill and a blue virus particle. A green line graph with a yellow arrow points upwards. A small child is sitting on the cloud. The post text reads: "In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, governments the world over are investing unprecedented amounts of money in protecting public health and preventing total economic collapse. There is a consensus that this spending is the right response to the pandemic. At the same time, this amount of spending raises many questions from people across the country: Can we afford this? How will we pay it back? When will we have to stop?" Below the text is a link to the myth-busting guide: "https://buildbackbetter.unifor.org/myth\_busting". At the bottom of the post, it says "10 Comments 2020 shares".

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\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\*\*\*

## Local 114 Virtual Meeting Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 starting at 10:00 am

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### PLEASE POST AND DISTRIBUTE December 12<sup>th</sup> Virtual Local 114 Membership Meeting

Open to all Unifor members, Local 114 Staff and Local 114 Executive members.

Join us for a Virtual Membership Meeting. Hear reports from Local Representatives and Executive members and find out what has been going on in the Local and at our units. There will also be a "Unifor State of the Union Address" from Govin McGarrigle, Unifor Western Area Director. There will be a draw for a \$100.00 Gift Card.

**This meeting will be hosted online through Cisco WebEx, participants will be emailed information on how to join the meeting. You must RSVP.**

#### WHEN

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00am – 12:01pm

#### CONTACT

Local 114 Support Staff - [support114@uniforbclocals.ca](mailto:support114@uniforbclocals.ca)

**Will you be part of this Virtual Meeting?**

If Yes, please fill out and send this information to [support114@uniforbclocals.ca](mailto:support114@uniforbclocals.ca)

First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must reply before December 4<sup>th</sup>**

[www.unifor114.com](http://www.unifor114.com)



<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/covid-19-update-b-c-health-officials-to-reveal-3-days-worth-of-new-cases-deaths-outbreaks-1.5190785>

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Monday November 16, 2020

Dr. Bonnie Henry gives an update on the spread of COVID-19 in B.C. (Province of BC/Flickr)



## COVID-19 update: B.C. health officials to reveal 3 days' worth of new cases, deaths, outbreaks

VANCOUVER -- B.C.'s top health officials will give the first COVID-19 update of the week Monday, revealing how many new cases, deaths and outbreaks were reported over the past three days.

Dr. Bonnie Henry and Health Minister Adrian Dix will speak live in the afternoon.

**CTVNewsVancouver.ca will stream the news conference LIVE @ 3 p.m.**

### Complete Coverage

1. [COVID-19 update: B.C. health officials to reveal 3 days' worth of new cases, deaths, outbreaks](#)
2. [Full coverage at CTVNews.ca/Coronavirus](#)
3. [23 residents, 16 staff test positive for COVID-19 at White Rock care home](#)
4. [Get The COVID-19 Brief sent to your inbox](#)
5. [Parents, teachers relieved Surrey elementary school has been ordered to close](#)
6. [Tracking every case of COVID-19 in Canada](#)
7. ['It feels like the loss of a brother': Worker in his 30s could be B.C.'s youngest COVID-19 victim](#)
8. [Diwali celebrations move mostly online as COVID-19 cases rise](#)
9. [COVID-19-positive B.C. woman on ventilator gives birth via emergency C-section](#)
10. [More than a dozen flights added to B.C.'s list of COVID-19 exposures](#)
11. [B.C. introduces fines for party buses in bid to enforce Lower Mainland COVID-19 restrictions](#)
12. [COVID-19 exposure warning issued for motel in Hope, B.C.](#)
13. [42 people test positive for COVID-19 after attending Surrey gym, Fraser Health says](#)
14. [COVID-19 exposures: More Lower Mainland grocery stores, pharmacies record positive tests](#)
15. [Surrey is B.C. city with most COVID-19 cases, updated map shows](#)

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In their last update, [given through a written statement Friday](#), Henry and Dix announced another record-breaking daily case count as 617 more people tested positive for the disease.

The number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 also climbed to a record of 167, which included 50 patients in intensive care. Two more deaths were also reported, bringing the provincial death toll to 290.

"When faced with a resurgence of COVID-19, it can be difficult to muster the strength to keep moving forward," Henry and Dix said in a joint written statement.

"Yet British Columbians continue to show unwavering resilience and fortitude to support friends and neighbours in our communities and take care of those who are most at risk, by following the orders and using our layers of protection."

*This is a developing story. Check back for updates.*

*With files from CTV News Vancouver's Andrew Weichel*

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**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](http://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>

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

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**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=IwAR1NzQXV3eUgFa5bSimQ2wiRpXVRMZc1LPbq5fUNIDFIK1Sc7yjhcc4aB>

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

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