



UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR WORKERS

## COVID-19 Resources for Workers

As the global pandemic coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads around the world, the new normal is changing every day.

The United Steelworkers union is reaching out to share information and resources.

In Canada, the risk from COVID-19 continues to rapidly evolve. There is an elevated risk for those aged 65 and over, with compromised immune systems or with underlying medical conditions.

Many provinces are already asking people to stay home if they can and practise “social distancing” or “physical distancing” to limit the spread of the disease and “flatten the curve.”

The reason for this is both to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to conserve much-needed capacity in our health care systems, in anticipation of a surge in demand for health services that we want to be able to accommodate. It's an act of social solidarity for those who are able to do it.

While we do what we can, such as working from home and limiting social contact, let's bear in mind that many workers, including members of the United Steelworkers union, don't have that option.

The USW supports the calls by the Canadian Labour Congress and the Workers' Action Centre for further measures to protect and support workers.

Read the USW's media release: [Steelworkers Union Calls for Worker Protections and Support During COVID-19.](#)

As we navigate the crisis, stay informed and rely on trusted sources such as the Government of Canada and your local public health authority for the latest reliable information about symptoms, prevention measures and what you can do to flatten the curve and best prepare. This includes sharing resources -- like not over-purchasing household items.

The USW extends its thanks and appreciation to all public health workers -- doctors, nurses, paramedics, health care providers, personal support workers and all caregivers -- people on the front lines helping those who are ill and putting themselves at increased risk of infection due to the very nature of their jobs. These are the everyday heroes who are helping Canadians navigate this public health crisis.

For more information, check out the resources below.

### Resources

- [Coronavirus Guide for Canadian USW Members](#)
- [Workplace Issues During Coronavirus](#)
- [Health and Safety: Preparing Ourselves](#)
- [Upcoming USW Events Postponed](#)
- Government of Canada: [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)
- 18 March 2020 Government Announcement – [Support to Canadians](#)
- [USW Summary of Federal Government March 18 Announcement](#)
- Public Health Agency of Canada coronavirus telephone info line: **1-833-784-4397**

- **Employment Insurance: Service Canada information**
- **Employment Insurance line for those in quarantine: 1-833-381-2725**
- **Contact your local public health authority – provincial or municipal**
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- **Canadian Labour Congress: COVID-19 Response**
- **Team Unite CLC Statement on COVID-19**
- **Ontario Federation of Labour: Info sheet on COVID-19 – Wash your hands of germs, racism and xenophobia**
- **Workers' Action Centre and Fight for \$15 and Fairness: COVID-19 – Protect Workers Now!**
- **World Health Organization: Mental Health Considerations**
- **Alberta Federation of Labour Backgrounder on Paid Sick Days**

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