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Unifor members step up to make hand sanitizer, protective face shields, and fabric surgical masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Tragic nursing home deaths expose underlying issues in long-term care. New wage subsidies help Canadian businesses keep workers on the payroll. Plus share your COVID-19 story with Unifor members across the country.

 **WHAT'S HOT**



Unifor locals come together to combat COVID-19 and deliver hand sanitizer made by Local 2027 members to health care facilities across Windsor-Essex.

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 **TAKE ACTION**



We want to hear from you! Send us a video to let us know how you are coping at home or if you're one of our many essential workers (#CovidHeroes) tell us about your experience at work. We're all in this together so let's connect.

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IN THE NEWS



Unifor members and staff are volunteering their time and expertise to create personal protection equipment to help frontline medical professionals and members of the community avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

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Alberta Premier Jason Kenney lays off approximately 20,000 education support staff workers despite the obvious harm to education and the economy.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the perilous conditions in nursing homes across the country. Safe working conditions in long-term care facilities mean safe living conditions for the residents.

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After weeks of advocating for worker wage subsidies Unifor



Ontario's emergency powers may do more harm than good. Read more on how long-term

welcomes the federal government's move to expand eligibility to include large and small employers.

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care homes won't have to report incidents or follow normal hiring guidelines while PSW shortages plagued the industry well before the pandemic.

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Mental Health Resources

We're in this together.

It is both okay and normal to feel out of sorts because of the global COVID-19 crisis. Find helpful supports in Unifor's new mental health resource.

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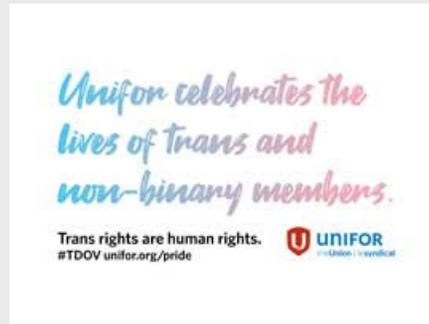
The pandemic has highlighted how frontline workers, often women, are underpaid and under-valued. Join a virtual rally on Equal Pay Day, April 4, to demand a new normal that leaves no one behind!

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Unifor members at Bell Canada step up as shutdowns in offshore facilities combined with increased need for assistance cause a spike in calls to customer support agents.

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Unifor honours trans and non-binary members, who continue to help build our union and strengthen our movement. We celebrated Trans Day of Visibility on March 31.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

Unifor Local 594 bargaining committee rejects new Co-op concessions and encourages the company to ratify the provincially-appointed mediators' recommendations.

Workers at women's shelter located in Northwestern Ontario join Unifor.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Canada Council, Regional Councils and Education programs are cancelled as Unifor closes offices and staff work from home as COVID-19 crisis unfolds.

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RESOURCES



Unifor continues to add new COVID-19 related resources and update existing fact sheets with the latest information to support members during the pandemic. Visit the COVID-19 resources page to access.

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