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Unifor mourns the tragic loss of Nova Scotia victims senselessly murdered in mass shooting. A national petition is launched to address concerns of front-line COVID-19 health care workers, as one long-term care member shares her personal story of contracting the virus. Plus, auto and rail sector workers step up to manufacture ventilators and urgently needed Personal Protective Equipment.

### **WHAT'S HOT**



Unifor National President Jerry Dias delivers a powerful message about the importance of protecting long-term care workers and residents in the midst of multiple COVID-19 outbreaks.

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### **TAKE ACTION**



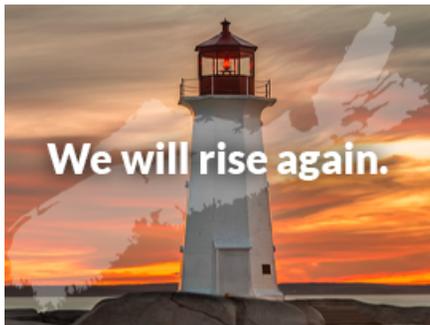
Our health care members are paying the price for an underfunded and understaffed health care system. Unifor is calling on all levels of government, and employers alike, to stand up for front line health care workers. Take action and sign the petition.

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Unifor Local 1941 auto sector members convert production at Tilbury Autoliv plant to manufacture fabric for medical gowns crucially needed by frontline COVID-19 healthcare workers.

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Unifor leaders send a message of condolence and solidarity with Nova Scotians and all who mourn after this weekend's horrible act of terror.

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"I have COVID-19 and am living my worst nightmare," says 39 year old long term care worker and mother of two. Watch Emily's story.

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Unifor members at Bombardier Thunder Bay will return to work and help build 18,000 urgently needed portable ventilators for hospitals and long-term care homes struck by



Family of nurse slain in NS shooting honours memory with fight for PPE.

the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The fight against COVID-19 may have suffered a setback as the regional transit authority served notice of more than 1,200 layoffs, hindering the ability of essential service workers to get to their jobs.

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On April 28, Unifor joins workers across Canada to commemorate those injured or killed on the job. We are also solemnly reminded that more needs to be done to protect the health and safety of workers, particularly during COVID-19.

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Ontario Government puts workers and long term residents at risk by forcing workers who have tested positive for COVID-19 but who aren't yet showing symptoms to return to work.

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Unifor's education department is hosting webinars on COVID-19 issues. Sign-up now and attend session on health and safety, the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, and mental health scheduled throughout the coming weeks.

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Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle calls on western premiers to step up during the COVID-19 crisis.

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## Frequently Asked Questions: the new Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

Check out the new fact sheet on safely returning to work in a pandemic era along with updated FAQ's on Employment Insurance and the Canada Emergency Response Benefit on the COVID-19 Resources page.

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