

May 6, 2021



A banner flying over Toronto calls for paid sick days, members get vaccinations at work, Loblaw profits soar, Unifor pushes for transit car construction, long term care report paints a disturbing picture, May Day marked with workers' stories, we launch a new video series on Asian Heritage Month, it's Nursing week and sign up for Atlantic Regional Council.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

 **TAKE ACTION**



A series of videos will be released weekly throughout May, featuring local members using their voices to help commemorate Asian Heritage Month and raise awareness. Read the statement and out the first video.

Atlantic Regional Council is moving online with delegates gathering virtually June 3-6 to discuss and debate important issues including provincial labour laws and policies, and regional economic and social concerns. Register before May 25, 2021.

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## IN THE NEWS



The Ontario government continues to deny workers permanent paid sick leave, so Unifor took to the skies to make the message of #PaidSickDaysNow hard to ignore. Check out the plane that toured across the GTA and made a special trip to Etobicoke North for Premier Ford to see.

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Members of Local 1285 at two Halton Region food processing plants now have some protection against COVID-19 after vaccination clinics were held in the workplace in conjunction with Halton Public Health, BFG TreeHouse and Saputo.

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More than 470 workers are on strike at a Nestlé Canada in Toronto over full-time status for contract workers and better pension contributions.

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Loblaw Companies Ltd. raked in a 30% increase in first-quarter profits, while the company continues to deny frontline grocery workers pandemic pay. The profit announcement comes on the heels of an employee 'appreciation bonus' with workers receiving as little as \$25.

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Ontario Premier Doug Ford must stop politicking and act on the final report of Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission calling for a minimum daily care standard of four hours of hands-on care per resident.

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**NURSES**

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National Nursing Week

Read our nursing week statement and share the image on your social media accounts.

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Jerry Dias tells Justin Trudeau and Doug Ford to stop playing games with Unifor Local 1075 members' jobs at Alstom Thunder Bay and make good on their promise to order transit vehicles in an open letter printed in the Toronto Star.

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We have a national childcare plan at long last, and we cannot afford to lose it to political games in Ottawa writes Jerry Dias in this blog.

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Unifor marked May Day with an online event featuring the stories of workers finding their voices during the pandemic.

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ORNGE Paramedics vote 94 per cent in favour of strike action if workers don't receive exemption from Bill 124.

Members of Unifor Local 114 working at Ocean Concrete in Victoria have been locked out of their workplace by an employer seeking concessions at the bargaining table.

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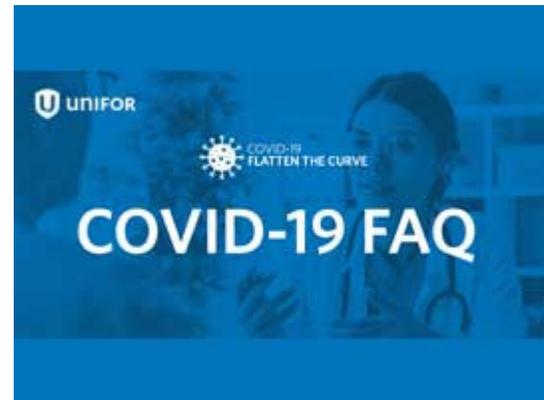
## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



They weren't just statistics. They were parents, fish harvesters, veteran personal support workers, broadcasters, telecom technicians, cargo drivers and more. On April 28, the Day of Mourning, Unifor honoured 19 workers killed at work or lost to the virus in the past year.

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## RESOURCES



Read the new FAQ on the Ontario Worker Income Protection Benefit today to see if you qualify, and how and when to access the program.

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