

July 4, 2025

To: Local Union Presidents with Health Care Units

Health Care Conference

“Reconnect, refocus and refresh.”

October 3 – 5, 2025

Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin, Ontario

Greetings,

Canada's Health Care systems continue to be at the forefront of public concern across the country. There have been some advances on the federal level but there is still much work to do. Provinces continue to underfund the public sector while funding the private sector at higher rates, causing inequities, increased stress and adding to the already existing staffing crisis.

Workers are burnt out and it's time to reconnect, refocus and refresh. We hope you will join us as we share bargaining priorities, best practices and discuss provincial specific health care related issues that are most pressing and concerning to our members.

This year's conference will take place at the Unifor Family Education Centre located at 115 Shipley Avenue in Port Elgin, Ontario. The conference will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2025, and will adjourn no later than 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2025. On-site check-in will take place on Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Registration

The registration for this conference will be online. Locals can register their participants by visiting: <https://register1.unifor.org/>. By now, Local Union Presidents have received their 2025 online username and password. If you are unable to find your registration information, please email registration@unifor.org and it will be resent. The deadline to register is **Friday, August 15, 2025**.

Please submit vest sizes for delegates to Jessica.Havell@unifor.org no later than **Friday, August 15, 2025** (see size chart and image attached).

Conference Registration Fee

There will be a conference registration fee of \$100.00 for conference kit materials. Please mail a separate cheque made payable to the Unifor Family Education Centre.

Unifor Family Education Reservation

To attend this conference you must complete the [Unifor Family Education Reservation form](#) and return it to confcentre@unifor.org.

Accommodations on-site will be handled on a first come first served basis. In order to participate in the conference, you must have accommodations made at/by the Centre. If the Centre is fully booked, the Centre staff will advise you (or your local) and will make a reservation off-site at a nearby hotel and notify you with the pertinent reservation information.

Room check-in begins on Friday, October 3 at 3:00 p.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m.

If you are arriving outside of the above noted hours, please ring the buzzer and maintenance will provide you with your accommodation key.

Check-out is at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 5.

Accommodation Fees

This Unifor Family Education Centre Reservation form must be fully completed and sent along with the accommodation fee no later than Friday, August 15, 2025. Completed forms should be sent by email to confcentre@unifor.org or by mail to:

Unifor Family Education Centre
115 Shipley Avenue
Port Elgin ON N0H 2C5
RE: Health Care Conference

Room and board fees for the Conference (accommodation & meals) are as follows:

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| Shared Room (with another delegate) | \$255 per delegate, per night |
| Single Room (one person in room) | \$330 per delegate, per night |
| Single Room with partner or child (17+) | \$405 per delegate, per night |
| Child 12+ years old | \$75 per child |
| Children 5 to 11 years old | \$50 per child |
| Children under 5 | \$20 (no charge under age 1) |

Note: If family member(s) are being paid for by the individual and not by the local, the local pays the 'single occupancy' rate and the following rates apply (including taxes):

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| Spouse or child aged 12+ | \$75.00 + tax extra per night |
| Children ages 5 to 11 | \$50.00 + tax per night |
| Children ages 1 to 4 | \$20.00 + tax |

Please note: Double occupancy units are also equipped with a separate study room which includes a single fold-out 'Murphy bed' for those wishing additional privacy.

If your delegate wishes to share a room, please ensure they note this on their Registration Form. Please ensure to indicate if a smoking or accessible room is required.

All outstanding room and board fees, including spouse and children, will be the responsibility of the local union delegates.

Payment Methods

Paying via cheque: please forward two (2) separate cheques to the Unifor Family Education Centre. One for the conference registration fee (\$100.00) and the other for accommodation costs. Cheques can be made payable to the Unifor Family Education Centre and mailed with the enclosed reservation forms directly to the Unifor Family Education Centre, 115 Shipley Ave., Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C5.

Paying via credit card: record the credit card number and expiry date on the Reservation Form and submit via email to confcentre@unifor.org or by fax to 519-389-3222, or mail in. You can also call the centre directly at 1-800-265-3735 ext. 3221 or 519-389-3221 to provide the credit card information required.

Cancellation Policy

Failure to notify the Centre (by email) of room cancellations 48 hours prior to the conference will result in one night charge to the final bill. Notices of cancellation can be emailed to confcentre@unifor.org.

Child Care

Child Care is available and included for this conference for children ages 0 – 12 of eligible participants during conference hours only. An eligible participant is a single parent/guardian, a parent/guardian not accompanied by a spouse/companion or where both parents/guardians are delegates. Participants requiring child care must pre-register by Friday, August 15, 2025. Include the attached child care form with the conference registration form that is returned to the Unifor Family Education Centre. If you have any questions regarding child care, please call 1-519-389-3233/1-800-265-3735 ext. 3233 or email fecchildcare@unifor.org.

COVID-19 and Respiratory Viruses Policy

If you are feeling sick, please do not come to the Centre. If you start to feel sick while at the Family Education Centre, notify the front desk immediately. Please stay in your room and arrangements will be made for you to return home. If you need further guidance on the severity of your symptoms please complete the [self-assessment tool](#) and follow the guidelines.

Accessibility

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodations for human rights related needs, we invite you to provide us with your relevant information so we can take all reasonable steps to address any barriers to your participation in your Union. Please email requests to Jessica.Havell@unifor.org.

Summary of Deadlines

Please make note of the important deadlines for the upcoming Health Care Conference.

| Date | Item |
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| Friday, August 15, 2025 | Online registration must be completed |
| Friday, August 15, 2025 | Reservation forms must be submitted to the Unifor Family Education Centre |
| Friday, August 15, 2025 | Child Care Reservation Form must be submitted |
| Friday, August 15, 2025 | Vest sizes must be submitted for delegates |

Questions

If you have questions regarding the conference or require additional information, please contact Jessica Havell at: Jessica.Havell@unifor.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the Unifor Family Education Centre.

In solidarity,



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Health Care Director



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cc: Leadership, National Executive Board, National Representatives, Conference Coordinators, Port Elgin Front Desk, Laurie Wright, Sarah Hamilton, Laura Garvey-Doucette