

May 11, 2020

**To: All Ontario Unifor Members**

Greetings,

**Re: Restarting Ontario's Economy**

As the Government of Ontario moves towards reopening certain sectors of the economy, I would like to advise you of Unifor's recent efforts to protect your rights, your health and safety, and ensure that your needs are met during this next phase of the government's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, your union has urged the provincial government to:

- provide clear guidance on worker rights and employer responsibilities in all workplaces operating during the pandemic,
- to ensure critical services, notably transit and childcare, are accessible to all workers who need them at every step of the restart program, and
- that workplace restarts only happen in lockstep with sufficient PPE for all workers.

**The comprehensive details of our union's concerns are outlined in a [letter sent today to Ontario Finance Minister Rod Phillips](#).**

Additional resources can be found on Unifor's COVID-19 site at [unifor.org/COVID19](https://unifor.org/COVID19), including our [Returning to Work from COVID-19 Closure](#) fact sheet and our comprehensive analysis on [Communicating Worker Rights and Employer Responsibilities](#).

**Reopening Ontario's economy cannot mean business as usual. Keeping workers and the public safe is a monumental task for governments and employers, and one that is of grave importance.**

There are still many challenges to overcome with the COVID-19 pandemic. I urge all members to stay safe and continue to follow the guidance of public health officials.

Should you have any questions or concerns about workplace health and safety issues as well as access to critical services and PPE, please get in touch with the appropriate member of our staff and leadership team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Naureen Rizvi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Naureen" and the last name "Rizvi" clearly distinguishable.

Naureen Rizvi  
Ontario Regional Director

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