

NEW BRUNSWICK UPDATE

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<https://www2.gnb.ca/>

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Considering the health and economic impact of the coronavirus, I want to reach out to each member and their families to reassure you that your Union leadership is busy working to support you through this global pandemic. Our office, staff and partners are here to inform, assist and reassure you that we are all in this together.

As most are already aware, our construction sites have been severely impacted by the coronavirus. The Irving Oil Refinery is down to a skeleton crew of less than 30 members. The scheduled shutdown for Point Lepreau has been postponed until Fall. Many commercial jobsites are operating with a reduced workforce. We all must follow the advice of medical professionals concerning the virus. As a safety precaution for every worker, I ask all members to inform their employer if they are feeling ill. For those currently working please practice the recommended hygiene and social distancing required to ensure the safety of all.

Health officials are telling us to avoid groups of 5 or more people, to stay home as much as possible, wash our hands for 20 seconds, and often, and avoid touching our faces. If you develop a new cough, fever or difficulty breathing, please seek medical advice via the online telecare in this province by dialing: 811.

We have determined that it is best to close our offices across the province to the public. However, you may still contact the office and speak with members of the staff over the telephone. If you have questions or concerns, please call 506-450-4024 or you may call me directly at 506-440-5440. The ACRC Executive have had to make hard decisions about staffing balanced with safety and financial responsibility to our membership. This has resulted in a significant reduction of staff working. Our phone lines, email and fax are still active to assist members as we operate with a skeleton crew much like contractors throughout the province.

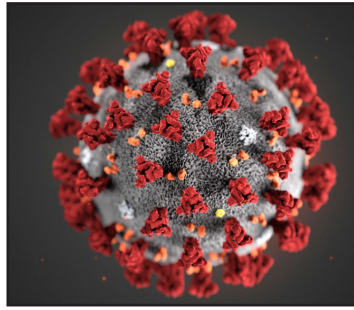
Coughlin & Associates have closed their offices, but have a team working remotely to answer your questions via email, visit Coughlin.ca for more information. For claims inquiries email: winnclaims@coughlin.ca and include your name, employer, member ID and reason for your inquiry. **Our Family Assistance Service with Homewood Health is available**, you can access by calling 1-800-663-1142. If you have a hearing or speech impairment call 1-888-384-1152. If you are aware of a member that could benefit from this service, please share this information with them.

New Brunswickers in general are known to be a resilient group of people. Remember Brothers and Sisters - work has not been cancelled, but simply postponed. As UBC members we have had to weather many storms throughout the years. If we follow the sound advice of medical professionals and stay safe this storm too will pass.

Fraternally,
James Dawson
Regional Manager of New Brunswick

KNOW THE SIGNS!

Health Canada recommends the following procedures to increase proper hygiene and reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to others:



- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the washroom and when preparing food;
- use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
- when coughing or sneezing:
- cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand
- dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash your hands afterwards

SYMPTOMS: The following are common symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Dry cough
- Difficulty breathing

RISK: You are at a greater risk for COVID-19 if:

- You have recently travelled to a COVID-19-impacted area
- You have been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19
- You have been in close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to a COVID-19-impacted area

If you experience the symptoms above AND/OR you have a higher risk of developing COVID-19, please contact your health care provider. You can also call 811 to speak with a registered nurse.

NEW BRUNSWICK OFFICE STATUS

Our offices in Moncton, Saint John and Fredericton are closed to the public, however, administration is available by phone. If you have questions or concerns, please call **506-450-4024**. Our own team has had to make hard decisions about staffing balanced with safety and financial responsibility, but our phone line, email and fax are still monitored.

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For claims inquires email: winnclaims@coughlin.ca and include your name, employer, member ID and reason for your inquiry.

Website:
<http://www.coughlin.ca>

Mental Health Resources:
<https://pcpeopleconnect.com/ACRC>

Family Assistance Program

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To stay up-to-date with all ACRC COVID-19 information at our website:

<http://www.acrc.ca/>



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