



BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

COVID-19 UPDATE SPECIAL BULLETIN #5

Hello Brothers, Sisters, Friends;

The current COVID-19 public health emergency has left us in unprecedented times, and BCFMWU is working to ensure our members have the most accurate and up to date information possible.

On March 21, BC Ferries and BCFMWU became aware a member tested positive for COVID-19 from the SOBC Engineering Department. The member worked on March 9/10, and remains in self-isolation.

It is our understanding that members who had any direct contact with this person have been informed by BC Ferries and are self-isolating and self-monitoring for the remainder of the 14 day period from exposure. The potential exposure is believed limited to seven people.

If a member has not been contacted, that means BC Ferries has found no evidence of their direct exposure to this person.

In any event, all employees in public facing positions are encouraged to self-monitor. Please see the link below - BCFMWU FAQ.

Health Canada has informed Canadians they expect 30-70% of the population will get COVID-19, so we can expect that this case will be the first among others for Ferry Workers. Consequently, BCFMWU and BC Ferries are working toward a joint protocol to ensure employees and the appropriate authorities are promptly informed of such occurrences. Our Union is also pressing Government to provide Ferry Workers essential to the maintenance of our Critical Public Service access to expedited testing in the event of suspected community exposure.

[BCFMWU COVID-19 FAQ](#)

In Solidarity,

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Brother Graeme Johnston
Provincial President

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