



BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

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NEW PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDERS FOR VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH AND FRASER HEALTH REGIONS

Brothers, Sisters, Friends:

The Provincial Health Officer has released new regional Provincial Health Orders that affect the Fraser Health Region and Vancouver Coastal Health Region (this includes the Greater Vancouver Area from Hope to Whistler, and Powell River and the Sunshine Coast, and excludes Bella Coola and Central Coast).

The Health Order outlines the following Workplace requirements:

- Workplaces must ensure that all workers and customers maintain appropriate physical distance and wear masks when appropriate;
- Extra care should be taken in small office spaces, break rooms and kitchens;
- Workers and others showing symptoms of COVID-19 are prohibited from the workplace:
 - Anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days. Symptoms include fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and new aches or headache.
 - Anyone directed by Public Health to self-isolate.

The Public Health Orders also states that, "from November 7, 2020 at 10:00 pm to November 23, 2020 at 12:00 pm travel into and out of the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley **should be limited to essential travel only.**" This part of the order is not mandatory, but is instead a strong recommendation.

Please remember:

- If you are scheduled to work and feel sick, or believe you may have been infected with COVID-19, do not come in to work - call in sick, and take the COVID-19 self-assessment test and/or call 811;

- If you feel sick at work, or see someone who is sick in your workplace, report it to your supervisor immediately;
- Take every reasonable precaution to keep yourself and others safe: maintain social distancing wherever possible, wear a mask, wash your hands regularly, and follow Provincial Health and Health Canada orders and guidance.

If you believe you are being asked to do unsafe work, you have the right and responsibility to refuse that work, and cannot be disciplined for such refusals: [How to Refuse Unsafe Work](#).

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Johnston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Graeme Johnston
Provincial President