



GM Membership Update

There has been significant progress since the announcement on April 24th about the production of surgical masks in our Oshawa facility. The installation of surgical mask fabrication equipment is nearly complete, located in the CMM room near Gate 6. **This area has been totally revamped for mask production in approximately one week's time.**

We can now start producing 1,000,000 masks/month, which will create an additional 60 jobs. This is a great way for us to help all of our fellow Canadians.

Recalls

The Company is recalling people this week. **If you have changed your contact information please call Hourly Employment at 905-644-6084.** Continue to check 1-888-436-7778 and www.gmoshawa.ca for updates.

- May 11 - Surgical Mask fabrication, 1 shift
- May 11 - 3rd shift (Skilled Trades)
- May 18 - Stamping/CCA will begin to recall members as required
- May 25 – Start two shift operation in Surgical Mask fabrication

CERB/SUB

The Government is currently not allowing members who are receiving CERB to collect SUB payments. The National Union continues to lobby the Government to change this and allow members collecting CERB to also receive SUB. On April 15 Unifor sent a letter to Minister Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability, asking the Government to review the CERB rules. To date nothing has changed.

On April 16, Scott Bell, Managing Director and President of GM Canada, also sent a letter to Minister Qualtrough, requesting SUB benefits be paid to those eligible. Mr. Bell said, "We would like to pay employees these SUB benefits and are therefore requesting that the new temporary income replacement programs, such as CERB, be considered equivalent to E.I. for the purposes of enabling SUB benefits to be paid."

Your Local and National union will continue to fight this unfair policy. We strongly encourage you to contact your MP via Unifor's online SUB petition. The petition goes to the Unifor member's Member of Parliament (based on postal code). In addition, the following government officials receive a copy: Carla Qualtrough, Bill Morneau, Louise Chabot, Daniel Blaikie, Dan Albas, Graham Flack, Irek Kusmierczyk.

With this petition, we are advocating on behalf of all workers who are being denied access to supplemental unemployment benefits. **We need as many signatures as possible.**

<https://www.unifor.org/en/take-action/campaigns/dont-deny-sub-plans>

Hope you and your family stay healthy and safe during these unprecedented times.

In Solidarity,

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