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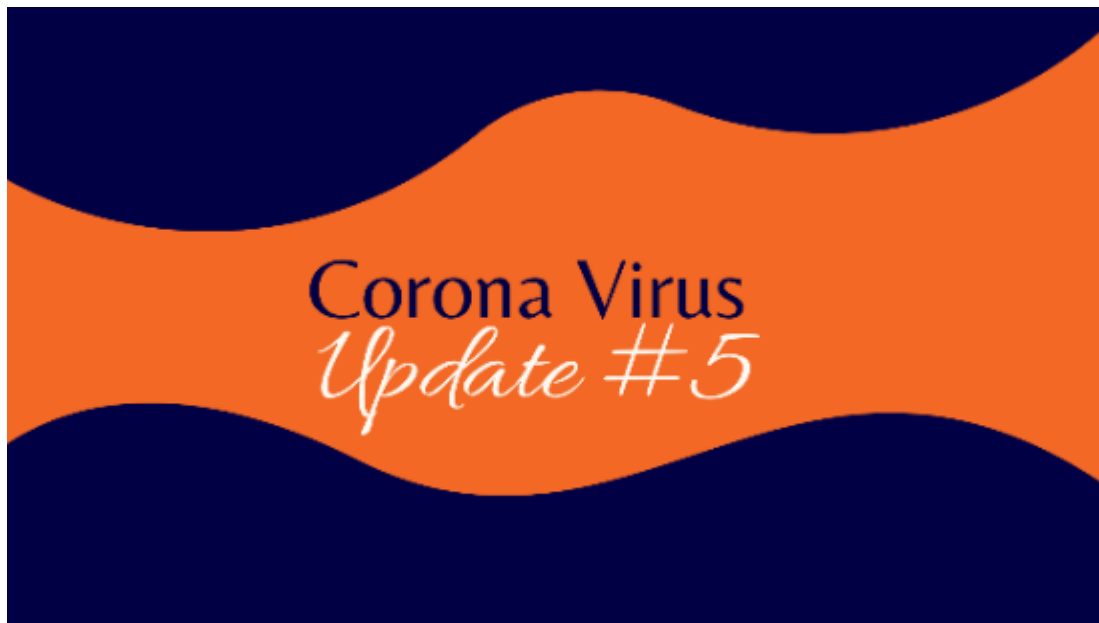
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## Weekly Newsletter

NEWS & EVENTS | Wednesday, March 18, 2020 | 3:30 pm



## Are You Able to Work From Home?

We are concerned that members are not aware of the most recent communication from the University that **“Any employee who can work from home should do so.”**

<https://www.utoronto.ca/message-from-the-university-regarding-the-coronavirus?>

The University is currently determining which roles will be considered critical and will require some staff to come to campus. We should have clarity on this in next day or so as university operations slim down to having only essential people on campus. These will be in the areas of

- directly supporting students
- student residences
- animal and time critical research labs
- key building or university operations.

If you are not working in any of these core areas and are getting a run around about working from home, please contact the union. If you do work in one of these core areas, we are expecting some clarity from the university very soon on who is required to come to campus.

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## Are You Working Alone? The Work Alone Program

With some of our members having to work alone or in isolated areas on our campus, we want to remind members of a service that is available to them from Campus Police. It is available on all three sites and is designed to create a safer environment for U of T students, staff and faculty who are working alone in isolated areas on the campus and for individuals with ongoing personal safety concerns.

Members can register to receive regular check-ins from the Campus Police Communication officers. Members on each campus will need to register for this service. More information is available by clicking on your campus site.

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## In Face of COVID-19 Pandemic, Steelworkers Humanity Fund Contributes \$220,000 to Food Banks Across Canada

**The Steelworkers Humanity Fund** is doubling our commitment to food banks in 2020,” said Ken Neumann, President of the Steelworkers Humanity Fund and Canadian National Director for the United Steelworkers (USW).

“The COVID-19 pandemic and its economic disruption will affect the most vulnerable and poorest in our communities in every part of Canada and we must collectively take steps to ensure they are supported. To do our part, the Steelworkers Humanity Fund (SHF) is immediately contributing \$220,000 to 112 food banks and community food centres so that they are better prepared for the impact of COVID-19. By making this contribution now, we can assist these community-based organizations as they address the health and safety implications of COVID-19 as well as the economic fall-out,” said Neumann.

The immediate contribution of the SHF will be in addition to the annual contributions the SHF makes in November of each year in communities where members of the United Steelworkers live and work.

“Outside of Canada, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on workers in the supply chains of Canadian companies and Canadian-owned mines is a serious concern. We call on Canadian companies to ensure that they also protect workers and their communities in their operations and supply chains outside of Canada. As the situation develops, and as the extent of global economic disruption becomes more apparent, the Canadian government must be prepared to do its part in a co-ordinated international effort to ensure that workers and their communities here and abroad are not abandoned,” added Neumann.

Founded in 1985, the Steelworkers Humanity Fund is a registered charitable organization that focuses primarily on development projects and emergency aid in developing countries, but also supports Canadian communities. USW members

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