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# Yukon Employees' Union Responds to Covid-19

## Urges all employers to act quickly and provide paid leave for workers.

Yukon Employees' Union urges all employers to follow the guidelines set by the Canadian Government and allow staff to work from home where possible. If that is not feasible, all workers should be on paid leave, no matter their employer, employment status or category.

"We will only get ahead of this deepening crisis by taking appropriate measures now, and that means showing true leadership" says YEU President Steve Geick. "All workers in non-essential positions should be permitted to work from home, with no disruption in their pay or demands on their accrued leave. Too many workers simply have no sick leave available."

We want to applaud employers like the Klondike Visitors' Association and the Yukon Arts Centre for taking the responsible step of temporarily ceasing operations, protecting their staff and maintaining their pay. We encourage all employers to follow suit, and act quickly.

The YEU offices have closed for the time being, although our staff will be working remotely. Members with questions or issues are encouraged to visit our website at [yeu.ca](http://yeu.ca), email us at [contact@yeu.ca](mailto:contact@yeu.ca) or call our main line at 867-667-2331. Community members can reach us through our toll-free line, 1-888-YEU-2331. For members with ongoing cases, please continue communicating with your assigned Labour Relations Advisor by email. Responses may be somewhat delayed, but we are monitoring calls and emails.

These are challenging times. Let's continue to take care of each other, and take care of ourselves. If you are able, please support local non-profit service agencies like the Whitehorse Food Bank.

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