

SUDBURY MINE MILL &
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FROM THE DESK OF

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COVID 19 PANDEMIC

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

As we all find ourselves in unprecedented times, our federal / provincial government calls for us to be part of the solution and flatten the curve.

It will take us all to do our part and voice when we see otherwise. I am not going to get into preaching or informing. There are many avenues of information for you to keep yourself and your family updated.

With the Union Hall closed and all those that normally work out of the office are now working from home. Your union Health & Welfare Office is working behind the scenes, communicating and deciphering information between the Occupational Health Department, the Disability Management team and the Union Unit Chair.

With the Ontario Government considering mining essential, the operations in Sudbury are continuing to run with a number of precautionary measures at our sites. I recognize this is causing some anxiety, especially for anyone with underlying conditions. There has been an uptick of concerns as to attending work while the state of emergency is in force. For any members that need to reach out to my office for your questions / directions, I am available via cell/text.

I am still functioning with regular duties with our retirees and surviving spouses as well as with our active and non active members in pension and benefits, health plans and WSIB issues.

With mining being deemed an essential I ask that you take every precaution possible and practice limiting your movements and social distancing. Much respect for this.

In Solidarity,

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