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### **Coronavirus Next Steps (Communities)**

As measures proceed to start easing lockdown the overriding consideration has to be how safely it can be achieved. There can be no balance struck between increasing economic activity and people's safety at work. People, even 'front line workers' should not be expected see contracting a potentially lethal infection as an acceptable workplace hazard.

The idea that workplaces do not reopen until that can happen in a manner that is safe has to be paramount. This is the case for all workplaces in whatever sector of the economy and society. The adjustments necessary to ensure this are not optional; 'Not safe? Not happening' is the only acceptable standard. whether that's a warehouse or an out patients department, a coffee shop or a college.



Everything you need to know on Coronavirus and your rights at work [here](#).



### **Work in education?**

Help defeat COVID19 by becoming a health and safety rep.. [read more](#)



### CORONAVIRUS: Nursery schools need safety reps

CORONAVIRUS: Nursery schools must be made 'Covid19 secure'. We need to ensure that the risks to staff and children are assessed managed. UNISON is negotiating with council leadership about safety. Therefore, every nursery school needs a health and safety rep. Get together now as a staff group online and choose one now. UNISON can support you to set up an online meeting. We need to protect the children, the staff and the wider community. More information [here](#).



### Scotland in UNISON 144 June 2020

Due to the current pandemic, this issue of Scotland in UNISON is being published online only. Please share with activists and members.

- Proud to be in UNISON – fighting for members' rights and protections
- Keyworkers: Voices from the front line
- Campaigns launched to value the essential work of members
- Standing up for education staff as school return announced

### Read our responses to the latest Scottish Government consultations:

Coronavirus Education Staff: [Evidence](#) re scrutiny of reopening of schools and ELC settings and associated issues; [Response](#) to the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery call for views

**FROM A MOMENT TO A MOVEMENT**  
UNISON's Asst General Secretary Roger McKenzie on Black Lives matter

STUC message on #BLACKLIVESMATTER protest

Coronavirus Health Staff: Re-mobilise, Recover, Re-design: Framework for NHS Scotland

CORONAVIRUS bereavement training for members

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS' SURVEY



## ALL MEMBERS SAFETY SURVEY



World Environment Day comes in the midst of a pandemic – and coronavirus has brought unexpected lessons for a better future. [Read more...](#)



[The Parliament Project](#) has launched a new series of FREE online workshops as part of [Equal Power](#), a three-year campaign aiming to support diverse women into politics and community activism. More information [here...](#)



### We're Here For You

Members experiencing financial and emotional difficulties can contact our welfare charity, [There for You](#), which provides a confidential advice and support service for members and their dependants. During the COVID-19 crisis, UNISON has changed its processes [to make it easier for members to get legal support at no extra cost](#), as part of their union membership.

## UNISON members in Scotland who need advice during Coronavirus



Please speak to your workplace rep first. If possible.



**Glasgow:** 0141 342 2899  
**Aberdeen:** 01224 620624  
**Inverness:** 01463 715891

When you call us you will be asked to leave a message, please do and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



For membership enquiries: 0131 226 0090  
membershipassistancescotland@unison.co.uk



## PICK OF THE MEDIA

08/06/20 [courier.co.uk](#)

UNISON supports new Culpable Homicide law [here](#)

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08/06/20 [herald.co.uk](#)

**Furlough cannot be a waiting room for redundancy**

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04/06/20 [morningstaronline.co.uk](#)

Recovery can't just mean 'getting back to where we were' says the STUC's Dave Moxham [here](#)

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05/06/20 [tuc.org](#)

**Childcare needs emergency bailout to save women's jobs, says TUC.**

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05/06/20 [holyrood.com](#)

**We can't all get on our bikes until inequalities are addressed.**

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05/06/20 [unison-scotland.org](#)

**CORONAVIRUS: FM replies to request for action on poverty and inequality.**

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04/06/20 [greenocktelegraph.co.uk](#)

**UNISON demand more money for Inverclyde carers facing coronavirus on frontline.**

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02/06/20 [youtube.com](#)

Why are more and more people joining a union? [UNISON assistant general secretary Liz Snape talks about how unions are supporting workers during the coronavirus crisis.](#)

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## **NHS Scotland's self-help guide on the coronavirus**



### **Learning in Lockdown**

UNISON has increased the number of online courses. [Find out more](#)

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# PUBLIC WORKS: TOOLKIT

**Public Works** is the UNISON Scotland campaign for jobs, services, fair taxation and a Living Wage... and against austerity. **This toolkit** provides branches with campaign resources to save our public services from the cuts driven by an austerity that is a political choice not an economic necessity.

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