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CONVENTION 2022

November 21 to 25 | Vancouver BC



BC Federation of Labour - COVID 19 Protocols - For Convention Delegates

*****Note: The BC Federation of Labour (BCFED) follows the guidance of the BC's Provincial Health Officer (PHO) with regard to COVID-19 safety protocols. The BCFED reserves the right to change our COVID-19 protocols, outlined below, at any time.***

We are excited to welcome delegates to the Vancouver Convention Centre for the 60th convention of the BC Federation of Labour. We want to make sure we are creating a safe environment for all delegates and our staff.

COVID-19 and influenza remain a critical risk to members of our community. We are asking delegates to take the important steps required to keep everyone safe for the week of convention. Remember, our convention brings workers from every part of the province and every sector of the economy together. Our labour community includes people who may be immunocompromised, have underlying health issues, or work in a sector that requires them to care for others.

We must each do our part to keep our labour community safe.

We ask that all delegates follow these guidelines:

- **Before heading to convention:**
 - Self-monitor for symptoms of a communicable disease, including COVID-19 or influenza.
 - The BCFED strongly encourages delegates to perform a COVID-19 rapid antigen test prior to traveling to Vancouver for the convention.
 - Do not attend convention if you have a positive test.
- **Masks: We strongly encourage every delegate to wear a mask at all times during convention.**
This strong encouragement extends to all convention events and even when seated in the convention hall. We know that masks are the most effective way to keep yourself and others safe. This simple act of masking up will ensure that others around you can fully participate.
- **Daily Health Check:** Each delegate should do a daily self-health check – and if you have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 do not enter the convention hall or attend convention

events (unless the symptoms are related to a known health condition (e.g. allergies) or within 48 hours after a COVID-19 or flu vaccine). Do not return until symptoms have cleared.

It is critical that we each do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19. We encourage delegates to bring rapid tests with you to convention (they are free at pharmacies in BC). But note, even if a rapid test shows a negative result, if you have any COVID-19 symptoms you cannot attend convention events.

To review the daily health check visit: www.covidcheck.gov.bc.ca

- **Social Distancing:** Be mindful of other people and maintaining social distance when possible.

Green/Yellow/Red Stickers: Delegates will be encouraged to place a sticker on your convention badge to let people know your comfort level when greeting:

Green = happy to shake hands

Yellow = we can elbow bump

Red = let's just wave and say hello

- **Hand Washing / Sanitizer:** There will be hand sanitizer stations readily available at all convention events. We strongly encourage all delegates to wash their hands frequently and use the provided hand sanitizer before and after touching common areas (re: water stations).
- **Ventilation:** The Vancouver Convention Centre have MERV-13 air filters and will have it operating at highest capacity possible, based on the temperature outside. The VCC follows the ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineer) Standards and have achieved the NAFA (National Air Filtration Association) Clean Air Award.

The Westin Bayshore operates its HVAC system at its highest capacity, possible based on the outside air temperatures and follows ASHRAE Standards. Our smaller meeting rooms have portable HEPA air purifiers based on square footage to increase air exchange.

- **Enhanced Cleaning:** GDI are onsite ensuring enhanced cleaning in the convention area of the Vancouver Convention Centre. GDI cleaners have completed Cleaning for Health training and follow operational guidelines and procedures specific to COVID-19.

****Please Note:**

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, chills, shortness of breath or trouble breathing, cough, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, sore throat, decrease or loss of taste or smell, runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, conjunctivitis (pink eye), new or worsening headache, loss of appetite, or muscle, joint, or body aches.