

NOVA SCOTIA UNION
NSUPE
OF PUBLIC & PRIVATE EMPLOYEES

April 1, 2020

Dear Local 14 Members,

We have recently received news that all branches of the Halifax Public Library will remain closed until at least April 30, 2020. Employees of HPL will continue to receive their regular income. We believe that all people should have the security of a stable income, especially during a health crisis. We must acknowledge that there are many people - even within our union - who do not have the same stability.

We are asking that union members practice solidarity while they're at home if they are able. As with all times outside of global pandemics, please practice self-care. One cannot pour from an empty cup.

1. Remember and acknowledge the historic fight for sick leave. Remember that there are workers non-union AND union that do not have sufficient sick leave protections.
2. Follow the [health guidelines](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
3. Make noise about what's important ([sign petitions](#), call your MLAs, etc.).
4. Fight against [discrimination](#) and challenge your personal biases
5. [Stay positive](#).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to any local executive. A contact list for the Local 14 Executive is available at www.nsupe.ca/local-14. Stay safe.

In solidarity,

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