



Now is the time to be kind

While Manitobans are facing the constantly changing realities of Covid-19, our members are working incredibly hard to adapt to this new reality and to meet this challenge head-on.

On Thursday, March 19, I reached out to Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister, calling for emergency actions and immediate considerations for workers on the front lines in food production, food distribution, warehousing, grocery stores, security, personal care and assisted living.

UFCW 832 members are the people working hard to look after our loved ones by helping them and all Manitobans get the food, protection, care and supplies they so desperately need.

These front-line workers are under unprecedented stress during this pandemic and yet they continue to provide the essential services we all need. We are advocating on their behalf to ensure they too get the protections and acknowledgement they deserve.

At the same time, our members in hospitality are facing layoffs and uncertainty and we are doing everything we can to work with employers to ensure they are fairly compensated and to help those affected find work where it's available.

I want to thank the UFCW 832 members of Manitoba for all you are doing for all of us during this most challenging of times. As you work to keep Manitobans safe, know that we are working for you, your family and our community, and we will continue to do so now and into the future.

When Manitobans see our members and all workers doing their best to provide them with what they need, please be kind, be considerate, be supportive and remember that we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Jeff Traeger, President of UFCW Local 832

6 Things YOU Can Do as a Customer

1. Stay Safe

If you're showing symptoms of any kind, stay home!!
See if a loved one or a neighbor can shop for you. Minimize frequency of shopping trips.

2. Social Distancing

Maintain as much distance as possible from other people – *especially while shopping.*
Manitoba Health recommends at least 6 feet.

3. Limit Contact

Do your best not to touch surfaces and bring your own wipes to disinfect touch-points. Carry and use your own pens and leave your reusable bags at home.

4. Use Credit Cards

Use your credit card or debit card instead of cash and wipe down your card/phone *before and after* leaving your house.

5. Only buy what you need

Hoarding goods leaves less for everyone else, including retail and health care workers who don't have as much time to shop.

6. Be supportive!

If you see a grocery, security or health care worker, give them a smile and tell them how much you appreciate their work. *Community is what will see us through this.*

