

Dear Premier Pallister,

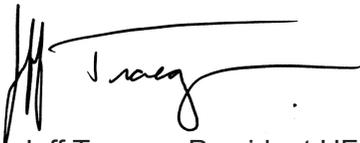
UFCW 832 is calling on our provincial government to make considerations for the essential Manitobans working in food production, food distribution warehousing, grocery stores, security, personal care, and assisted living. These workers are essential right now, and the public needs them to show up to work, while everyone else is being asked to stay home.

UFCW 832 is calling for the following actions to help out workers during this time:

1. Immediately open discussions to expand childcare solutions to include the workers listed above.
2. UFCW 832 is pushing the government to designate the workers listed above as eligible for presumptive workers compensation coverage when any of these workers find themselves having to file a claim as a result of illness due to exposure to this contagion. Workers in these jobs that are diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive workers compensation without having to prove their conditions were caused at work.
3. Set appropriate limits to the number of shoppers who can be present in a retail location at any one time to allow for social distancing. Some retailers are making efforts to do so, but this needs to be enforced across the board to ensure safety for the retail workers on the frontline.
4. Require employers in the areas listed above to supply masks, gloves, and cleaning supplies for work areas to staff on duty before selling any of these products, and ensure that all workers are informed of the process and procedures they need to undertake to eliminate risk to their well-being.

UFCW 832 represents over 18,000 members in Manitoba. A majority of our members are proudly working hard to support our communities at this challenging time. They deserve to know that there are extra precautions being taken to keep their families safe.

Sincerely,



Jeff Traeger, President UFCW 832

cc Minister Ralph Eichler
cc Wab Kinew, Leader of the official opposition
cc Dougald Lamont, MB Liberals