



Health Care Bargaining Unit Bargaining Dates Scheduled

Good afternoon,

As you know, Health Care Council of Unions representatives met with employer representatives on Monday, March 4th to exchange [proposals](#).

We have now confirmed eight additional dates to continue bargaining. They are as follows:

- Thursday, April 18th
- Friday, April 19th
- Tuesday, May 14th
- Wednesday, May 15th
- Wednesday, May 22nd
- Thursday, May 23rd
- Tuesday, June 18th
- Wednesday, June 19th

At the same time, our work on reaching an essential services agreement continues.

What are Essential Services?

As a result of legislation passed by the past Liberal provincial government, CUPE now bargains as part of a Council of Unions. Along with Unifor and the NSGEU for the Health Care Council, we collectively represent approximately 7,500 health care workers working in a wide variety of roles at Nova Scotia Health (NSH) throughout the province and the IWK. We are also now compelled by legislation to work with the employer to establish an Essential Services staffing agreement prior to any legal strike action taking place.

So far, union representatives have met with the employers nine times to try and work out essential services staffing agreements. We have made progress and have one additional date scheduled on March 26th.

Please keep a close eye on your email over the coming weeks and speak with your coworkers to ensure they are receiving updates from the union, as well.

If you have questions or concerns about the bargaining process, please contact your area VP.