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So, what have you done today to make you feel good? Take time, Take care of you!

As the Coronavirus outbreak continues it is making us all rethink our norms. Enforced home working is definitely not for everyone, working on the dining room table or kitchen side, keeping an eye on schoolwork whilst trying to cook a 3-course deli meal from the store cupboard that is bare. The challenges of CV19 are very real. Those on the frontline are faced with unimaginable dilemmas, is that cough a symptom? Am I experiencing menopause heat or CV19 temperature rising? Can I access the correct PPE when I need it to visit a vulnerable client or family? Am I risking mine and my family's health trying to help others?

Lincolnshire is experiencing (as I write) an upsurge in infections, but hopefully a slight lowering of daily deaths. There are not many people now who don't know or have not had direct impact from this dreadful pandemic, our thoughts and condolences are with those who have faced the worst.

As we see a glimmer of light and some daily life returns, for many kids it will be the opening of McDs others it will be gyms, pools and libraries and everybody is looking forward to family and friends gathering to speak in the same room and not over zoom, skype or 365.

Let's not be too hasty in this return to 'norm'. We must all take care and ensure we follow our new norm, hand washing, social distancing in unknown surroundings, none of us want a 2nd or even 3rd wave of this virus. It is exceptionally difficult for everyone and is having a huge impact on all our lives. Our thoughts go out to all of you who are particularly affected.



Please wherever you are, set a reminder for a one-minute silence to remember all keyworkers who have died during the CV19 crisis. **11 am TODAY FOR ONE MINUTE**

Rachel Keetley was a UNISON member at Notts City, who died on 8.4.20 due to Covid19 see her tribute;

<https://eastmidlands.unison.org.uk/news/article/2020/04/tribute-unison-member-rachel-keetley-nottingham-city/>

ONLINE LEARNING AND EDUCATION

As you know UNISON are a leader in education and learning opportunities for our members. Regional learning web page <https://eastmidlands.unison.org.uk/members/>

PPE AND FUTURE PLANNING

All our frontline staff need immediate and reasonable access to personal protection equipment. Going into the unknown without protecting your self is not acceptable you have a duty of care to you, your colleagues and your family. Only emergency visits should be made following a risk assessment and discussion with your manager. If you do not feel protected please speak out or speak to us. Email info@lincunison.org.uk don't wait until it becomes a critical issue.

A good and updated site is on our national website and the advice is regularly reviewed and current.

<https://www.unison.org.uk/coronavirus-rights-work/>

<https://www.unison.org.uk/at-work/education-services/key-issues/covid-19-closures/> is specific for School Workers.

<https://www.unison.org.uk/care-workers-your-rights/coronavirus-advice-social-care-workers/> is specific for Care Workers

Learning@Home Campaign

Stuck at home due to Covid-19? Make the most of your time through learning at home. Unionlearn have launched a [Learning @ Home Campaign](#) to support thousands of workers who are working from home, self-isolating or who find themselves temporarily out of work during the current pandemic.

The new campaign pages contain lots of exciting and interactive tools people can use to review their skill levels and help signpost home learners to a diverse range of inspirational training opportunities, along with new stories highlighting the way learners have used distance learning opportunities to improve their skills.

USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/198548431595271/> TUC Covid19 support and advice

<https://unison.theskillsnetwork.com/> The Skills Network provide free Level 2 courses in over 30 subjects. This includes Working with Children, Health & Social Care, and Business Admin. In depth courses range from 8-16 weeks and are certified through the NCFE. *Please note that there is a charge if you do not complete the course.*

Information is changing hourly, but the message is that a lockdown is the only way to halt this virus. We know we have emergency services that need to operate and be fully supported. Many of our UNISON members are on the front line and caring for your loved ones. Please be kind and careful. Share your wealth, health and goodwill and we will get through this. To those home schooling there are lots of brilliant resources on the web (including Joe Wicks!)

I'm regularly posting to our Facebook site with regular updates and useful weblinks. These also show on the web page.

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Webpage link is <http://www.lincolnshireunison.org/>