



Retired Member eNews

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Job Action Begins

On Thursday, July 2, the Nurses' Bargaining Association (NBA) launched the first phase of job action with a province-wide ban on non-nursing duties and restrictions on overtime.

Thursday's announcement follows an historic 98.2 percent strike vote in favour of job action. The non-nursing duties ban is designed to pressure the employer to return to bargaining while allowing members to focus on the work they were trained to do – providing safe, quality patient care.

This job action marks the first phase of a broader escalation plan that will see members at Vancouver General Hospital set up picket lines on Tuesday, July 7 and members at Surrey Memorial Hospital and the Jim Pattison Outpatient Clinic on Thursday, July 9.

Read on to learn how you can show support for your fellow nurses and read our [news release](#) for more information.

How to Support Job Action

Retired members remain an important part of BCNU. Your experience, voice and continued support help demonstrate that this fight extends beyond today's workforce.

By supporting working nurses, retired members can help strengthen our efforts.

Here are a few ways you can show your support as job action continues:

Join us on the Picket Line

Your fellow members would love to see you on the line! Your presence sends a powerful message of solidarity and encouragement.

Picket lines will operate 24 hours a day. To help reduce congestion, volunteers are asked to avoid shift-change periods between 6:30–9:00 a.m. and 6:30–9:00 p.m.

Picket lines begin:

- Vancouver General Hospital: Tuesday, July 7, 5:30 a.m. PT
- Surrey Memorial Hospital and Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre: Thursday, July 9, 5:30 a.m. PT

When you arrive, check in at the picket tent to receive a placard and instructions.

Please dress for the weather, bring water, sunscreen and comfortable footwear, and consider bringing a chair. Parking may be limited, so transit or other transportation options are encouraged. Please leave pets at home.

Change your Social Media Profile Picture

Help spread the word by updating your social media profile picture with BCNU's bargaining fist logo to show your support for nurses across the province. Every visible show of solidarity reminds government and employers that nurses are united in fighting for better patient care and a stronger public health-care system.

Instructions are available on BCNU's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Sign the Petition

Tell your MLA that BC's nurses need a collective agreement that respects them.

Add your name to BCNU's online petition and encourage your friends, family and community members to sign as well.

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