



ACIFA supports all of the healthcare workers who have been shouldering an unusually large burden during the pandemic and the labour unrest that they are facing at this time. We appreciate their commitment to the health and wellbeing of Albertans.

ACIFA is sympathetic to the plight of healthcare workers: the cuts to budgets and staffing, the higher demands on the medical system, and the rehiring of workers at reduced hours and wages under new contracts. The issues they are asserting are of growing concern across the province, and we understand and share their concerns about maintaining access to high-quality public healthcare for Albertans.

We appreciate that government is seeking ways to reduce budgetary implications, but are concerned about the negative effect of privatizing public services. This may likely create a two-tier system of access, marginalizing those who are already struggling because of the economic downturn. ACIFA is a strong supporter of properly funded public services that benefit all Albertans regardless of social status, and supports job action that seeks to ensure these services.

ACIFA applauds actions taken by organizations to resolve their outstanding issues within the legal labour relations/dispute resolution processes outlined in Collective Agreements and under the labour code. It is critical we continue to support those challenging decisions that undermine working conditions when it is in the best interest of the greater whole of our province.

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