

CUPE Ontario will hold its 2022 Convention virtually.

Because:

- CUPE Ontario's Convention has traditionally had approximately 1,000 delegates and hundreds of staff, making it CUPE Ontario's largest event, in a space where the main hall is packed, and overflow rooms are needed.
- Most CUPE regions across the country – up to the date of CUPE Ontario's Convention – have decided to convert to virtual platforms to ensure the health and safety of their delegates.
- This motion is based on recommendations that CUPE Ontario received from experts such as epidemiologists. We have relied on experts to advise on how best to support our members throughout the pandemic.
- CUPE Ontario represents vital frontline workers in all parts of the broader public sector. We have an obligation to hold ourselves to the highest possible standard in which we do everything we can to ensure the safety of our members and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- To ensure certainty for affiliated locals in their planning for their delegates' participation, this decision needs to be made and communicated to locals well in advance of Convention.