

# Government statements on impacts to services: fact vs. fiction

## What the government has said

Ferry service is reduced and there are delays because of the CUPE strike.

“CUPE has shown unpredictability province wide creating a volatile climate for teachers, students and parents.” - Minister Dominic Cardy

The CUPE strike is impacting some areas of the COVID-19 response.

Horizon Health claims that all elective surgeries are cancelled because of the CUPE strike.

## THE REALITY

Before the strike, CUPE 1190 agreed to several designated positions that would keep ferries running in the event of job action.

Minister Cardy is unpredictable. He has now locked out education workers. He put designated workers on leave without pay, cancelling essential services for students in need of care and support. These services were only restored after CUPE won a challenge against Government at the Labour Board.

NB vaccination clinics should have the capacity to do 2000 vaccinations/day. However, due to staffing shortages and recruitment and retention challenges that existed before the strike, clinics have been delivering about 200 vaccinations/day.

Elective surgeries have had to be postponed for weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic and healthcare facilities being in the "red" phase.

# BARGAINING FORWARD

