



PLUMBERS LOCAL 75

Plumbers Union Local 75
Member Update
Regarding Health and Safety

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Brothers and Sisters,

As the Corona Virus situation evolves, we are seeing advanced precautionary protocols being implemented at every government and public institution level. Many private businesses and institutions are also invoking serious precautionary measures related to worker and public safety. The imposed public safety measures are broadening quickly and will likely remain very fluid under the advisement of the CDC and government officials.

Many industries and businesses are closing or making significant business operation modifications in response to or by direction of government and CDC officials. The UA General Office and UA Local Unions are cancelling membership meetings and postponing in person classroom apprenticeship and training classes. The UA has suspended all non - essential Union Business related travel and meetings until May 1, 2020.

Our Plumbers Union Local 75 March 24, 2020 Membership Meeting is hereby cancelled and our officer elections will be postponed until further notice. The April 28th Plumbers Union Local 75 Membership meeting will remain scheduled at this time. We will notify our members in a timely manner for our Local Union Officer election and our wage package allocation.

Plumbers Union Local 75 is cancelling all Apprenticeship and Continuing Education Classes until further notice. We will provide timely notification to our members of resumed apprenticeship and training classes. Watch our Plumbers 75 Website for updates.

At this point Plumbers Union Local Office and Ed Fund will function in office and/or remotely when practical. In order to comply with social distancing protocols, we encourage member interaction to be by phone or email as much as possible. Please contact either the Union Office or Ed Fund Office prior to appearing in person at our Union or Ed Fund offices. If you need paperwork or a personal meeting with Union or Ed Fund staff, please call ahead to help ensure availability and that the in - person interaction is as safe and efficient as possible.

Due to the fluidity and speed and expansion of public and private safety recommendations and directives we will be providing member related updates on our Plumbers Local 75 website and by email. We do not have all members email. Please share this information with your Local 75 co-workers and encourage them to provide their updated contact information including mobile phone number and service provider and email address to Andrea (andrea@plumbers75.com) so that we can provide timely information to all of our members. Providing us with member mobile numbers and service providers allows us to send no cost text messages to our members.

The health concern is real and the impact on our economy is evident. The short - term and long - term effect to our industry and work is uncertain. We are fortunate that the impact on the construction industry is minimal right now. It is possible jobsites may impose shifts to lower workers on site at any

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one time or projects may be shut down at some point. The continuation of the opportunity for our members to remain working may be interdependent on how prudent we adhere to health safety protocols and policies being implemented on jobsites. Please take heed of every reasonable health and safety precaution on your jobsites and at home. The more prudent we are now the sooner our economy and our families can be at ease. We do not know how long this pandemic will take to run its' course, but all indicators are clear that the more precautions we take now are likely to shorten the duration of the health and economic concerns.

We are in uncharted waters and there is much uncertainty going forward about what we can or should do. Self – quarantines are likely to impact some of our members and employers. If you or if you know a member or retiree that is in quarantine and are in need of some supplies or services please contact our union office or one of our agents and we will look into coordinating and/or or providing supplies to members who should not leave their home. The more we honor the CDC recommendation the shorter the duration of this crisis. If you have or are aware of some basic home supplies that have been in short supply, please consider sharing them with our members and their families. We do not know if this will be necessary, but we believe it is worthy of discussion, consideration and planning for. We can make the Union Hall a member to member supply clearing house if need be. We can accept donations dropped off or we may be able to arrange pick up of supplies.

Nothing is more valuable than our families' health and safety. We are all in this together. Please contact our union office if you have some insight or suggestions to share with our members that may be helpful in further safeguarding our members and our public health and safety. Following CDC, employer and customer protocols are the best way to ensure our member, employer and public health and safety.

Stay safe,

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