

Feel the Power

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Dear Sisters & Brothers,

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At this early stage of the pandemic in North America every segment of our economy is faced with balancing how to conduct business while also preserving the health and safety of our workers. The work that the men and women of the Laborers' Union perform every day is critical to building and maintaining our community's infrastructure.

I understand how important this work is to you as well. And I know that you and your family have questions and concerns about how your work will be impacted by this crisis. Our team here at the District Council and throughout our Local Unions is diligently working to answer these questions. It is likely that stricter measures will be enacted to keep more people at home and distanced from one another. Our job is to understand how that may impact our worksites for both our private and public sector members. If there is an impact, then we will be working to assist you with information and resources.

We are working with our International Union and Regional office to help obtain up to date information nationally. Locally, your District Council staff, in conjunction with the Local Union leaders, are working with our employers to understand how we can manage this crisis together and ensuring your interests are their priority. We are also working with the Governor's staff to seek any immediate assistance possible for our workforce in these unprecedented times (See Link's below). In the additional attached documents, we have provided a few links that may assist you as well on medical care. We will do our best to keep you informed.

Unemployment Benefits: <https://www.oregon.gov/employ/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>
CDC Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>
Regence Blog: <http://news.regence.com/blog>
Oregon Health Authority: <http://healthoregon.org/coronavirus>

Currently, we instructed our management team to temporarily shut down foot traffic to our Union Halls & Training Facilities (Idaho Falls and Portland) to the public and will be operating with essential staff only. Despite the temporary closure of the halls, please know that all your Union representatives remain on the job, and are available at any time via phone, text, or email. If you need anything, please call your Rep or the Union office.

I have every confidence that, working and striving together, we will match these pressing times with the dedication, determination and Unity of our LiUNA membership and our values and continue to move forward in these difficult times.

Sincerely,



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