



## UNITED ASSOCIATION

of Journeymen and Apprentices of the  
Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of  
the United States and Canada

Founded 1889

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**Subject:**

### COVID-19 UPDATE

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Brothers & Sisters,

Since COVID-19 became a global pandemic, our local's attention has been focused on how to ensure the health, safety, and economic well-being of our members, families, and communities. This includes many of our members who, in the midst of this crisis, continue to provide crucial services in our communities.

Local 777 will remain open and operational to keep our organization functional as long as we are legally allowed to do so. We will be performing all the necessary tasks to support our members and to maintain the financial solvency of our organization. Once again, we encourage our members to pay their dues online through the Local 777 website, or send them by mail in order to protect yourself and our staff from unnecessary contact.

There have been many questions as to which jobs should continue to operate and which should be shut down. The bottom line is this is up to the owners, general contractors and politicians to decide which jobs should remain operational or not. If your job stays open, it is your right to go to work or not should you choose. With that being said, anyone who does not feel safe going to a job site for any reason at all should stay home. No one can force you to go to a job site if you do not feel comfortable doing so. We have been in contact with many politicians and all of the building trades leaders to voice our concerns regarding the health and safety of our members on jobsites.

We are continuing to work on these issues as they arise. Your Business Agents/Organizer are working to address the myriad of issues caused by this COVID-19 emergency. Please contact your steward or Business Agent as issues arise and we will address them. Additionally, as we continue to receive new information from various resources, we have set up a COVID-19 tab on our website for you to reference along with the local's Facebook page to keep you informed.

The rapid pace of information coming out is making mailed information outdated well before it can reach you. Therefore, we please ask you to go into the members section of our website to sign up for constant contact. This will ensure that you get the most current information being sent out by the union hall. We will continue to mail and post information as we receive it during this emergency.

Keeping with the CDC guidelines on social distancing, we are going to cancel April's monthly union meeting. It is our hope that we will be able to have a union meeting in the month of May. As far as our annual Building Trades raise, we are going to distribute the raise as it was voted on

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when we ratified the contract, but please be aware it is too early to tell what financial impact we are going to experience on our Trust Funds as this global pandemic continues. Once we are able to resume meetings, we are more than likely going to have to re-distribute our raise.

The breakdown for both Building Trades and Service and Maintenance Contracts are as follows:

**Building Trades  
Effective June 1, 2020**

\$1.01 - Wages

\$.40 - Health Fund

\$.40 - Annuity Fund

\$.05 - Local 777 Pension

\$.04 -JATC Fund

**Service & Maintenance  
Effective June 1, 2020**

\$1.20 - Wages

\$.40 – Health Fund

\$.20 – Annuity Fund

As you are aware, the House and Senate has passed the 2.2 trillion-dollar Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, (Cares Act) and the President of the United States has signed the legislation into law. The Care Act Legislation is designed to protect workers health and the financial foundations of both employers and workers. Enclosed is a one-page overview of the Cares Act and what the stimulus means for our members.

This situation is constantly evolving and myself, our officers and our staff are doing everything in our power to address our member's needs. Please protect your health and that of your families. The health and welfare of our members and their families remain in our minds, hearts and prayers. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the union hall and ask for the Business Agent on duty or for me directly.

Fraternally,  
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