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LOCAL NO.130**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you regarding the seriousness of the Coronavirus Pandemic (Covid-19). Per the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, the following steps are recommended for construction employers and workers that you should take in response to the coronavirus:

1. Wash hands frequently. Thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
2. Maintain a 3 feet distance from workers when possible to avoid droplet spread.
3. Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces on jobsites and in offices frequently such as handrails, doorknobs, and portable toilets.
4. Avoid contact with sick people.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Employees should **not**:

1. Go to work if you are feeling sick.
2. Shake hands.
3. Travel to areas with high infection rates.

Keep in mind, individuals over 60 years and those with health conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung diseases are more at risk.

International President, Lonnie Stephenson and NECA CEO, David Long, have agreed on a National Disease Emergency Response Agreement (NDERA). "During the period of this Agreement, the following conditions exist: If any employee, reports having contact with another person(s) who has reasonably believed to have contracted coronavirus or a similar disease, has recently returned from High-Risk Country as defined by CDC, or presents symptoms associated with the coronavirus or similar disease. The employer shall be permitted to remove the employee from the jobsite. The employer shall follow all appropriate guidelines and protocols to ensure a safe jobsite. In the event access to a jobsite is restricted or denied by the employer or other appropriate public or private authority in response to the coronavirus, the employer shall be permitted to temporarily furlough the employees assigned to this jobsite. The employer shall not contest any unemployment claims by employees temporarily furloughed as a result of a restricted or closed jobsite due to the coronavirus or similar disease, or who have refused to be present at the jobsite out of a genuine belief that being present would place them in imminent danger of contracting coronavirus, or who have been quarantined, or advice to self-quarantined, due to possible exposure. Such employees shall be permitted to return to their original positions with their employer upon the resumption of work on jobsite, and/or their ability to return, without the need of the referral process, and irrespective of whether

such employees have signed their local union's out-of-work list. This threat is ongoing and must be continually monitored by the Parties who agree to discuss any new legislation or regulation related to the coronavirus or similar disease that may impact this Agreement."

I have been receiving calls from members with concerns on what to do if they can't go to work. I recognize the inconvenience and worries of this disease, and I understand the seriousness of the situation. It is our priority to ensure the health and safety of our members and their families. The work will pick up after this situation is over. Anyone's job that has been shut down or laid off due to the outbreak, should file for unemployment at www.laworks.net or call the claim center at 1-866-783-5567. One week of waiting period has been waved at this time. If any members are looking for work out of town, please call the hall and we will reach out for you.

As we work through the effects of this unusual situation, I regret to inform you of the **cancellations** of our Union Meeting on April 9th, and Executive Board Meetings on April 1st and April 15th. The safety of our members and their families should be paramount at this time.

Local 130 Hall, Federal Credit Union, Health and Welfare, and the Apprenticeship offices are taking steps to reduce the number of in-person visitors. If an in-person discussion is required, please contact either office to schedule an appointment for a specific date and time. Local 130: (504) 831-1372, Federal Credit Union: (504) 831-1307, Health & Welfare: (504) 837-9812, NOEJATC (504) 835-9899.

Dues Department:

Dues payments can be paid over the phone (504) 831-1372. If you are mailing in your payment or using the drop box, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment in order to have your receipt mailed to you. To ensure correct credit, please put your card number on your payment. Please address your payment to: IBEW Local 130

3200 Ridgelake Drive, Ste. 300, Metairie, LA 70002

Health & Welfare:

Insurance payments and prescriptions can be mailed to Patti: IBEW Local 130- Health & Welfare
3200 Ridgelake Dr., Ste. 302, Metairie, LA 70002

Only prescriptions, can be mailed directly to Southern Benefit: P.O. Box 1449, Goodlettsville, TN, 37070.

Electrical Workers Local 130 FCU:

At this time the credit union is open for regular business, however, if that should change we will be implementing our Disaster plan so that we can continue to process your payroll deposits, provide access to your shares and help with your financial needs. The credit union is committed to continuing to assist our members in any way we can during this uncertain time. For now, please follow the recommended advice to keep yourselves and your families healthy and stop the spread of this virus. If you need to contact, don't hesitate to call or email tina@ibewlu130.com.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience. Stay safe!

Sincerely,



Paul