

Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local Union No. 1 New York

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Howard Carr Re: Corona Virus (COVID-19) Outbreak

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BAC Local 1, NY ("Union") has been continuously monitoring all ongoing developments and updates relating to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak as well as the recent disruptions caused to the economy and the volatility in the equity markets. The health, safety, livelihood and well-being of all the Union members, and their families is our primary concern, and as such, we are dedicated to taking all reasonable and necessary measures to support and protect you.

In doing our share, we have been working with employers to help avoid layoffs and/or to offer members with the opportunity to use sick and leave time as a first option before imposing a layoff. However, given the swiftness and gravity of the economic downturn and government mandates for shutdowns and curfews, there is a no guarantee that your employer will be able to avoid from having to implement a layoff – especially as buildings are forced to close and clients scale back on maintenance work. If you are subject to layoff due to an employer shutdown or jobsite closure, you should apply for unemployment insurance benefits through NYS DOL. Normal UI waiting periods will be waived.

We also wanted to provide you with information about NY State and Federal emergency benefits for sick leave, family leave, FMLA and job protection for New York workers impacted by the COVID-19. Please carefully review the enclosed charts - one for Federal Benefits and one for NYS Benefits -- to see if you meet the basic eligibility requirements to apply.

We will continue to vigilantly monitor and evaluate this situation on a daily basis as well as for any new and/or updated recommendations, instructions, or directives governing employment or workplace standards that are issued by any city, state, or federal health officials or entities (such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC")). Please be advised that important information related to the COVID-19 has been published by the CDC and may be found on their website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

We hope that you, and your families remain safe and healthy during this time. Please know that the Union is committed to promptly attending to all of your membership needs. To this end, the Union will plan on keeping its offices open for the foreseeable future subject to all local, state and federal mandates. For updated information as it becomes available, please stay connected with BAC Local 1: 1) check the BAC Local 1 website, bricklayersandalliedcraftworkerslocal1ny.org; 2) update your email contact on bacweb.org; and 3) log-in to the IUBAC texting network by texting "1NY" to 877877.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

In solidarity,

Jeremiah Sullivan

Cc: Executive Board