

UPDATE ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Since our last update several CWA Local 13000 members across multiple employers have tested positive for COVID-19. The Local continues to be in contact with the membership and the employers to make sure that all of the protocols in place are being followed to limit the spread of this infection and ensure the protection of the fellow members at these locations.

The Local continues to communicate your concerns to employers as well. In locations across the state, employers are still struggling to acquire the personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary including but not limited to gloves, masks and sanitizer. We have continually brought this to the employers' attention where these problems exist and while many locations have received small amounts of sanitizer, there are still some locations that have none. As a result, Local 13000 has acquired some locally produced sanitizer and is currently in the process of delivering this across the state to locations that are running low or are completely depleted of their current supplies. Both the Eastern and Western Region offices will have a portion of the shipment we received today and are in the process of delivering it to the membership.

By now most of our members are currently working from home, home garaging, remote garaging or on an excused LOA as a result of protocols and agreements negotiated with employers. We will continue to have discussions with our employers to address current protocols in order to improve the benefits and the protections for our members. As these discussions continue, we will notify the membership of any updates or changes as they occur.

Across the state we have also secured increased compensation from several of the employers for members who are providing essential services, continue to report to work locations and those that interface customers. While this does not decrease the risk that our members face daily it does provide a level of increased compensation while working in these hazardous times.

As this Pandemic continues, we ask that everyone continue to work **SMART AND SAFE** and always err on the side of caution to protect yourself and your families. We are here to address your concerns/problems and ask that you reach out when the need arises.

In Unity,

CWA LOCAL 13000 EXECUTIVE BOARD