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Dear Member:

As most of you know, Governor Walz issued an Emergency Executive Order - Directing Minnesotans to Stay Home today which will go in to effect on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:59pm until April 10, 2020.

In the Executive Order, numerous sectors were deemed critical including "Construction and Critical Trades".

After conferring with the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades this would include the following:

- Workers in skilled trades related to construction of all kind.
- Workers engaged in roadway construction, maintenance and utility projects
- Workers performing public works construction including construction of critical or strategic infrastructure.
- Construction materials suppliers and workers providing services necessary to maintain construction materials sources.
- Workers supporting building code enforcement
- Workers performing any construction required in response to COVID-19, including health care facilities and essential businesses and services
- Construction required for emergency repairs and safety
- Critical Labor Functions. Includes labor union essential functions, including health and welfare funds and monitoring safety of members.

What does that mean for Local 417 members?

We are skilled trades and would fall under this exemption.

What should you do if your job site is shut down or if your employer doesn't have work for you or any work loss pertaining to COVID-19?

Apply for your unemployment benefit.

What should you do if your job site is still open?

You may continue to work. If you are unable to work for ANY reason, you should notify your employer.

Again, please follow CDC guidelines, if you are not feeling well. We want to keep everyone safe around you. I understand how fast everything is moving and I am trying to keep you as up-to-date as I can. Please check our website for Covid-19 information as additional info becomes available frequently including today's Emergency Executive Order and an important link from the United Association that was implemented today. As always, please call the local if you have any questions or concerns. Please utilize your best judgment for the health and safety of you and your family. Stay safe and healthy everyone.

Fraternally,
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Business Manager