MESSAGE FROM Director Crawford
March 24, 2020

To all members:

INFORMATION REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID - 19 ON DISTRICT COUNCIL OPERATIONS

I. Jobsites may remain open in the Mountain West ADC

Please be advised that CONSTRUCTION WORK IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR’S NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS SHUTDOWN STAY HOME ORDER. Accordingly, unless the jobsite owners determine otherwise, all of our construction work may continue in line with CDC guidelines regarding maintaining a safe distance while we perform our work.

Members who choose to go to work may do so. Please follow guidelines provided by CDC to keep you and your family safe. The below link will give you up to date information as well as provide necessary tips to keep you and your family safe.


II. Information about Unemployment Benefits

This week I have been questioned by numerous members who are concerned about their health on the job sites. They’ve asked, ‘If they refuse to go to work would they be able to collect unemployment compensation’?

I had a conference calls with several states over the last few days and they have relaxed the rules on this. If you can document your concerns about the job site, (lack of clean washrooms, hand sanitizers too many bodies in a close quarter, etc.) you may apply for unemployment compensation.

If you must stay home to care for your children due to the closing of the schools, you too may apply for unemployment compensation, and the contractors cannot deny your request.

For more details on unemployment benefits in your state, please go to the unemployment websites for all states listed below:

Wyoming : https://wyui.wyo.gov/benefits/home.do

Colorado : https://myui.coworkforce.com/Welcome

Utah : https://jobs.utah.gov/ui/home

New Mexico : https://www.dws.state.nm.us/en-us/Unemployment

Arizona : https://des.az.gov/services/employment/unemployment-individual

Nevada : http://ui.nv.gov/
III. Contact Information if you have Questions

Although our Local Union offices and Fringe Benefit Fund Offices are closed to visitors and members for the time being, you can still reach the Council’s Business Reps on their cell phones with any questions you may have. Their contact information is provided for you below:

Director; Richard Crawford 702-210-1040
Sec/ Treasurer; Anthony Ivester 702-588-1223
Specialty Field Rep; Eduardo Zavala 702-580-6879
Compliance rep; Jacob Gonzalez 702-280-7748
Colorado – Wyoming: Jerome Gondek 303-801-7810
Utah Rep: Richard Carr 801-243-7516
Arizona Rep: Jacob Gonzalez 702-280-7748

In addition, you can also call your local Union Halls at the below numbers. Please leave a message and your call will be returned:

HQ for MWADC Las Vegas 702-873-0332 13 Nevada
Colorado-Wyoming 303-777-0298 07CO/WY
Utah 801-972-5087 01UT
Arizona-New Mexico 602-273-7571 03AZ/NM

We appreciate your patience at this time and will get back to you if you leave a message so please do so.

Please also note that your fringe benefits will not be affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, the administrators of your plans will continue to operate. If you need to contact your Fringe Benefit Office, please contact them directly at:

NV : (702) 734-8601 e-mail: www.zenith-america.com
NM : https://www.manta.com/d/mw2g245/southwest-multicraft-health-welfare-trust-fund
UT,CO,WY, https://bacweb.org/international-health-fund-ihf

I am aware of how difficult this has been on all the members and their families. These are unprecedented times we are all going through. Please take care in observing what is asked of you from the health officials. We all need to stay safe for our families and loved ones.

You may also go to our website at https://www.bacmwadc.org/ or our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/mwbac/ for updates and more information.

In solidarity

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