

Brothers and Sisters,

As we navigate this pandemic together, know that your administration is working tirelessly to get you answers and give you the direction needed to best serve our entire membership. Your safety is of the utmost concern to this administration and should be your number one concern as well. Please take all precautions outlined by the CDC on this link (<http://www.cdc.gov>) to keep you and your families safe, and help slow the spread. If you feel sick you should certainly stay home and contact your physician.

Obviously, our members need to earn paychecks for themselves and their families. What must be enforced is member safety in pursuit of that paycheck. We cannot allow anyone to treat us as a disposable workforce, and work in unsafe conditions. If you are told you must work in unsanitary or unsafe conditions, please call your representatives. We need to make sure our contractors and the GC's they work for put us to work in a "safe and healthful workplace free from serious recognized hazards".

THAT IS THE LAW!

The NYC Building Trades Executive Board has proposed a comprehensive list of safety measures to the Building Trades Employer Association in an effort to protect all workers as it relates to Coronavirus. This list has been given to GC's, the Mechanical Contractors association, and the Sheet Metal Contractors association. The list will be sent to the membership upon agreement from the employers association.

If you are asked to stay home by the contractor you should file for unemployment as soon as possible.

SUB benefits are available in two ways,

1-For job shutdowns 3 hours a day for 5 days or less.

2-While collecting unemployment (<http://smw28.unionfusion.net>)

Early vacation disbursement restrictions have been removed (516)-742-9478

SASMI will be announcing a COVID-19 benefit tomorrow (<http://www.sasmi.org>)

We continue to look for ways to help the membership in this time of need.

We will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available. As always, members with any questions or concerns should call on their representatives. Stay united and stay safe!

In Solidarity,

Eric Meslin

President and Business Manager