

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers



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To members of LU 126, IBEW:

The health and wellbeing of the members, staff, and our families are of the utmost importance. The Officers of Local Union 126, IBEW have been monitoring developments with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. We are closely following the recommendations made by our State and Federal Agencies.

Pennsylvania Governor Wolf recently closed all schools, community centers, gyms, and entertainment venues in Montgomery County, PA. Due to the increasing coronavirus cases in Montgomery County and the State of Pennsylvania & Delaware, Local Union 126 will temporarily do the following to help contain the virus:

- Local Union 126 Offices will be open for normal business with minimized face to face exposure to the membership and the public. At the Collegeville Union Hall and Training Center, all the doors will be locked, except the backside first door will be open for signing the books, clearing out travelers, dues drop-off, and mail / UPS drop-offs. The Houtzdale, Pittsburgh and Bridgeville offices will be closed to the public and membership unless scheduled with a Business Representative.
- As of now, Local Union 126 Representatives will be working from the offices. Any issues or questions that arise, please call an LU 126 office before driving due to possible further restrictions being mandated.
- All NEAT and Local Union 126 OSHE classes have been suspended until further notice.
- You may pay dues by mail to the Collegeville Union Hall. You may also pay by credit card through the Local Union 126 website or call the Collegeville Union Hall. You may drop off a check or money order at the back entrance—no cash at this time.
- Please look at the LU 126 website with continued updates regarding upcoming unit meetings being canceled. www.ibewlu126.com

- Local Union 126 will suspend the mandatory union meetings for apprentices until further notice.
- If you are eligible member in the Local Union 126 Health & Welfare Fund, please login to the Local Union 126 Health & Welfare Benefit Website to review new and ongoing information regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). ibew126benefits.com.

Symptoms of coronavirus

The symptoms of coronavirus are fever, cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing. The symptoms can appear in as few as two (2) days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

How can you protect yourself

Practice everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Staying away from work, school, or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.

If you think you have been exposed to coronavirus, contact your health care provider immediately.

We will continue to monitor this situation. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Business Representative.

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