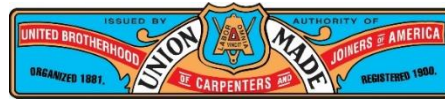


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CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC STATES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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Because of the ongoing public health situation, **effective Wednesday morning, all offices of the North Atlantic States Regional Council, affiliated local unions and benefit fund offices will be closed to walk-in service.** Staff will be working remotely and available by phone, email, social media or other channels. Members are asked to pay dues online or by mail.

ALL training and events at training centers are closed for at least the next two weeks.

ALL monthly union meetings have been cancelled until further notice. "Special call" meetings scheduled this month to nominate and elect delegates to the UBC national convention will be rescheduled. It is anticipated that the UBC will modify rules for nomination and election of delegates because of the unique circumstances.

The regional council **delegate meeting in March has been cancelled.** The next regularly scheduled meeting in June will be held at our training center in Millbury, MA.

The New England Carpenters Health Fund will be waiving the copay for coronavirus testing.

Please remember that things are changing rapidly and there is a lot of information being circulated on a number of topics right now. Be wary of rumors, honest mistakes or misinformation. Seek reliable and multiple sources to confirm what you are hearing. Understand that while we are able to share general information, your situation may include unique circumstances which change how something applies to you.

Federal government response for workers

The United States House of Representatives passed a bill over the weekend that has the support of the President and is expected to be passed by the Senate. It may fund extended benefits at the state level for unemployment insurance, paid sick-time and medical leaves. Details will be shared as they become available, but since the bill has not been finalized and passed and there may be exceptions for some businesses, nothing is yet certain.

Responses by state governments

State-by-state information is being gathered by the union and can be accessed at the links below. Most states are expanding eligibility and waiving waiting times for unemployment. Members are encouraged to file for unemployment as soon as they can after a layoff. Members who have not collected should note that benefits will not equal your regular take-home pay and benefits are taxable at the end of the year as income.

In most states, members can access general information about health and community services by dialing 2-1-1.

To access information from your state, click on the link below.

[Connecticut](#)

[Rhode Island](#)

[Massachusetts](#)

[Maine](#)

[New Hampshire](#)

[Vermont](#)

[New York](#)