

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1407:

To my Brothers and Sisters of Local 1407,

As your President I have been receiving many queries from our members at the beginning of this 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic! All your questions were important to us and we answered in the best possible way we could. Now with the Federal, State, and City's emergency declarations and daily briefings it is clear we are passing through the most difficult time of our life! "Our life is at risk, nothing else matters!"

As you already know, the COVID-19 incubation period between exposure to infection and appearance of symptoms is estimated to be 2-14 days with no symptoms to mild to severe Fever, Cough, and Shortness of breath which can spread from an infected person to others through droplets released when the person coughs or sneezes. Having no option left the Mayor announced, that the Citywide Agencies, Departments, Divisions, Authorities, Department of Education, and CUNY system are ordered to work from home except those who are serving in essential titles!

Our union, DC 37, (please visit www.dc37.net) staff is also working from home with a promise to continue to provide the same services to our members. Please stay home, take care of your family, pray to your God, and pay attention to the latest announcement from your employer and the City of New York. Please stay engaged with your work, call/text your family/friends, colleagues, and neighbors; help each other as much as you can!

During this national emergency your union will not send you work related instructions but your agency will. Please stay in touch with your agency via calls, texts, and emails (preferable) on an as needed basis and should you have difficulty in understanding the agencies' memos, notices, circulations, etc. please feel free to share with your Union Local 1407 and/or DC 37 without any delay.

You know, your union is here to help, please feel free to reach out 24/7 and please inform other Local 1407 members as we appreciate your involvement!

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AFSCME Membership Services: 855 237 2631

New York City Employee Assistance Program: (212) 306-7660

Finally, the DC 37 mailroom staff is also working from home, limiting our access! Therefore this email is intended to reach all our members but will only reach to those for whom we have emails! Now more than ever, it is important for your union to be able to reach you by email and cell phone. Please forward your **name, email, cell phone at local1407@gmail.com.**

In conclusion, Local 1407 is a family! I'm sure we will get through this adversity together and come back even stronger than before! I love my members and will do everything possible to keep them safe, healthy, and compensated. With discipline and God's help we will conquer this virus in the near future, until then God bless!

In Solidarity,



Maf Misbah Uddin, President