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All Signatory Contractors of District Council 91

RE: COVID-19 and Executive Orders

Dear Signatory Contractor:

I hope this letter finds you well in this unprecedented time in our country. IUPAT District Council 91 is committed to working with our signatory contractors to ensure that the directives from our government officials are met. Of those states within our jurisdiction, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Kentucky have all issued orders of varying degree mandating that people stay home, or “shelter in place”. The City of Nashville has issued a similar order, while the State of Tennessee has a less restrictive order statewide.

While the orders differ in some respects, it appears that except for Michigan, business within the construction industry may remain open provided that they satisfy basic safety precautions, including social distancing and providing hand sanitizer or sanitizing products. Michigan has issued a more stringent order, likely mandating that most construction related operations must cease.

In light of the current situation that has arisen due to COVID-19 and to ensure that our members’ rights and the health and safety of everyone involved are protected, we ask that you contact the local representative for IUPAT District Council 91 to discuss 1) whether your business will be suspended, in whole or part; 2) if so, your intentions as to who/how many employees you intend to lay off; and 3) if not, what safety precautions are being taken in response to COVID-19.

IUPAT District Council 91 also wants to discuss the application of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act as it pertains to your employees, so that we can avoid confusion in advising our members.

Sincerely,

Shawn Solner
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