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The COVID-19 crisis is impacting everyone differently depending on region, industry, and even family situation, but the union continues to do important work. I wanted to personally give you an update.

First, stay connected to [our social media](#) and [web sites in the United States](#) and [Canada](#) for the latest information in English, French and Spanish.

[Today, we just uploaded this Guide for Local Unions Still at Work](#), and we'll update these pages often.

### **Health care workers on the front lines**

Our Health, Safety and Environment Department and other staff have been working around the clock to help our 50,000 health care and other front-line workers get the support they need so that they can continue to do their jobs safely. This includes [a guide for USW members working in nursing homes](#).

Health care workers face a dangerous shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE), and [locals from across all our sectors have been rallying to help keep them safe, donating gloves, masks, respirators, eye goggles and more](#).

### **Communications and Coordination**

Many of our offices, including the International Headquarters, have been forced to shut their doors as a result of the pandemic, and we've had to work quickly to be able to provide many of our vital services remotely.

Many events and classes have been postponed or canceled. Some will be offered online. Again, stay tuned to [our website](#) for the latest.

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## Advocacy work

Finally, we continue to fight for our members and their jobs at every turn on the local, state and federal level.

Our Washington, D.C., Legislative and Policy Department and our Rapid Response team remains in constant contact with elected officials and their offices so that we can continue our fight on behalf of working people. [\*\*There have already been two bills related to COVID-19, and we can expect more in the coming weeks.\*\*](#)

There's so much more work we're doing and you can read all about it in my [\*\*full Message from Pittsburgh here.\*\*](#)

Please stay connected, and please try to stay healthy. It's impossible to know exactly what the future will bring, but through our solidarity and hard work, our fight on behalf of all workers will endure.

In solidarity,

Tom