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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the COVID-19 pandemic now in our communities I want to share some updates with you regarding local #55. We have been working with the Washington State Building Trades Council for clarifications from Governor Inslee's office. Recent proclamations and memos have left ambiguity with the status of "essential construction" status.

In the Governor's March 25th memo he stipulated the construction exemption of *"To further a public purpose related to public entity or governmental function or facility.."*. This memo has left the determination of essential construction work to local government agencies. Thereby, leaving some projects considered "essential" that may hold doubt with some as to the actual "essentiality" of a given project.

We will continue to seek clarification on governmental directives and memos and sharing them on the SMART #55 web site www.smw55.org and the local #55 Face Book site. Please visit these sites as we have posted updates from the NW Health Care Plan regarding COVID-19 testing, SASMI benefits and Sick/Paid Family Leave & unemployment information from Washington, Idaho and Oregon. As well as the Idaho COVID directives from Governor Little.

Never the less we should keep in mind that the contractor is always responsible to provide a safe environment for our members to work. Including the cleanliness and sanitation of the work site, break areas & vehicles which is now more than ever important during this COVID-19 outbreak. If you feel your work environment is not safe or meeting the CDC guidelines please reach out to your Business Representative. Member safety is foremost.

Please note; our local #55 offices will be closed and on a limited staffing with messages checked and followed up on. Please contact your reps via mobile phone (listed below) and check back to the website for updates regarding potential meeting cancellations or other COVID related news.

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