



Plumbing and Pipefitting Workers Local 170 Welfare and Pension Plan

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Dear UA Local 170 Membership,

Re: Supporting our Members during COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Our hearts and thoughts go out to all those who've been affected. As the situation with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continue to rapidly evolve each day; we are diligently monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and actively following the guidelines and recommendations from public health experts at the Ministry of Health and Vancouver Coastal Health to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our Members, Staff, their families and business associates.

The Welfare Office is taking action to minimize the risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19 by maintaining strict adherence to rigorous standards of cleanliness throughout our office. We encourage Members to follow Health Canada's preparation and prevention best practices by avoiding crowded spaces, reducing contact with others (social distancing) and staying home. If you or someone in your household: have travelled, is sick or has been exposed to COVID-19, please refrain from visiting the Welfare Office. To ensure your welfare & pension inquiries are uninterrupted, there are a variety of flexible ways to connect with us:

CONNECT WITH US:

Welfare & Pension Plan Local 170 office | Hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (PT):

- Phone: 604-526-3434 | Toll-Free, Canada and U.S.A. → 1-800-665-6808
- Fax: 604-526-6343 | Email: info@plumbers.bc.ca
- Website: www.plumbers.bc.ca

CLAIM REIMBURSEMENTS:

At this time, we strongly encourage our Members to enroll into our Pre-Authorized Deposit (PAD) payment. Pre-authorized deposit (PAD), or direct deposit, lets your claim payments be deposited directly into your bank account, instead of receiving a cheque in the mail. Keeping in mind the COVID-19 suggested prevention practices, we may not be able to obtain 2 signatories for payment cheques, which could significantly delay your reimbursement.

The Pre-Authorized (PAD) form is available on our website at:

<http://www.plumbers.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Pre-Authorized-Deposit-Form-Jun2015.pdf>

Please note: completed PAD Form information will not be forwarded or shared with Coughlin & Associates, please contact Coughlin & Associates Ltd. directly: 1-888-204-1234.



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HELPFUL RESOURCES:

For further information on COVID-19, including ways to reduce your risk of infection, please see the following:

Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes & Residential Communities (Self-Isolation):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>

Novel Coronavirus Q&A from HealthLinkBC:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

BC Centre for Disease Control:

[http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))

We appreciate the Memberships' understanding during these uncertain times as we work together to help ensure the health and safety of our Members, Staff, their families and business associates, and to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Lisa Peterse – Plan Administrator
Plumbers Local 170 Welfare **Office**
Plumbers Local 170 **Welfare** Plan Board of Trustee
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