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Good Afternoon CLR Members

There are relatively few major new updates to provide today; however, there are a few items which will be of interest to you.

1. The BC Building Trades have established a COVID-19 FAQ link on their webpage and there is some good information there which may be useful for you as well. The FAQ page is located here: <https://bcbuildingtrades.org/frequently-asked-questions-about-covid-19/>
2. The second item is we have had questions from a number of members about what happens to employees who are laid off due to a reduction of forces on a worksite. The response we received from the Bargaining Council was cautious because each Collective Agreement is slightly different as is each specific situation. That said we did get an indication that the locals are in overall agreement with assisting in the recall of members displaced by COVID-19. Each local of course does have their own dispatch office so exactly what this looks like for each local may vary. The concern that BCBCBTU raised is that anyone displaced should have an opportunity to return – a crew reduction or job shutdown due to COVID should not be used as an opportunity to restructure the mix and scale of the workforce.
3. I expect this last item is not news to any of you but in a number of conversations we have had over the last few days lots of questions and concerns have been raised about ensuring that all jobsites are the cleanest, healthiest and safest places they can be. I expect you are already paying attention to this but it is important that as this pandemic unfolds extra attention is paid to the cleanliness of lunchrooms, clean-up facilities and onsite washrooms in addition to the extra care our partners who run accommodation facilities are paying to these same items in their facilities.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your staff representative.

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