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Brothers and Sisters,

There have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our membership. Currently, the predominance of our projects are working. This may change over the next couple of weeks. Contact the Union office if your job or contractor is shut down. Do not wait for the contractor to notify the Union.

In an effort to help with social distancing and to protect our members on larger projects, I will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MCA. This MOU will allow our members to work on a second shift, with members consent, without shift differential. This will be allowed for contractors who have day shift projects. This is only a temporary measure (until December 31, 2020) to help get us through the pandemic.

As a Local Union, we are trying to get more information out to the membership. We cannot fulfill that with just newsletters. Please go to our website www.ualocal486.com for more information. You can also download our app from the app store or google play. Our app is Plumbers & Steamfitters 486. In our last newsletter, we provided a username and password for the app. Make sure you allow push notifications. If you do not have it or are having trouble downloading the app, call Nick Cummings at the Union office (410-866-4380).

We will provide information and guidelines for unemployment insurance and the Families Care Act along with information from the CDC (www.cdc.org), UA (www.UA.org) and NABTU (NABTU.org).

As of today, there are 1,985 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Maryland with 31 deaths. The breakdown is 1,016 women and 969 men. In West Virginia, there are 162 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases with only 1 death. In Delaware, there are 319 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases with 10 deaths.

The Union meetings for the months of April and May have been canceled. We will still conduct Executive Board meetings, as scheduled, by conference call.

The Training School, like all other schools in the state, are closed until at least April 30, 2020. The JATC is meeting weekly to evaluate what will happen for the rest of the school year.

Fraternally,

William L. Welsh
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