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Dear Building Trades Leaders and GPC Committee:

I am writing this morning to keep you apprised of several inquiries we have received from Building Trades Councils on how to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) issue within the workplace. NABTU, in coordination with the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR), has compiled the attached guidelines on how to address personal assessment, workplace response and health directives, and travel guidance in response to COVID-19. The CPWR will continue to update these guidelines often as more information becomes available. To easily access the updates, we encourage you to add the following link to your web browser's bookmarks: www.cpwr.com/covid-19. Included in the attached one-pager are additional links with more information on COVID-19 from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), OSHA, and NIOSH.

Finally, there is new federal legislation and regulations related to COVID-19 that will impact our industry and our members. We expect that the U.S. House of Representatives will pass the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-116hr6201ih.pdf>) today. NABTU worked tirelessly with House Democrats on this legislation and were instrumental in inserting paid sick leave language to directly benefit our members. As we closely monitor the situation, we will stay on top of this bill as we continue to push for its adoption and keep you informed as it moves to the Senate.

Thank you again for your outreach, and please pass along this vital information to your members.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

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cc: Governing Board of Presidents

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