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Re: COVID-19 – Workplace Safety

Many of our members, your employees, have been contacting the Local Union's Business Representatives with concerns about their on-the-job safety during the COVID-19 outbreak. Some members have reported a lack of safety/cleaning supplies at the workplace such as anti-bacterial wipes, soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, latex gloves and masks.

Of particular concern to our members is proper cleaning or sanitizing of equipment, specifically double-shifted equipment such as tractors, forklifts, power walkers and pallet jacks.

The Local Union strongly suggests that the following take place at your Company:

- Safety kits containing some or all of the above-noted items readily accessible within the equipment or at the worksite.
- If such a meeting hasn't already happened, the Health and Safety Manager at your Company should meet with bargaining unit members to communicate to them what steps the Company is taking to ensure their health and safety at the workplace, and to convey to them their responsibility to keep each other safe and reduce the chance of catching the flu or other corona viruses.
- Instruct employees to wipe down their equipment fully with anti-bacterial wipes at the end of their shift and remove any garbage out of the equipment at the end of the shift.

Please contact the Business Representative for your Company to discuss what steps have been implemented to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

If the Company and the members work together we can "flatten the curve" of COVID-19 in the Province as well as ensure the health and safety of all employees at the workplace.

Yours truly,

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