IUOE Local 30 Business Manager William Lynn and the leadership of the IUOE Local 30 recently received information regarding the Coronavirus from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In addition, we have researched the information available from the State of Connecticut and have included that in our outline. Local 30 members power and maintain numerous medical institutions, entertainment venues, airports and high traffic facilities.

We believe that accurate information is one of the most important tools in protecting ourselves from threats like the Coronavirus. The following data is up to date as of February 19th, 2020. We will continue to update Local 30 members as new details become available. In addition to the following, more information can be found at the websites listed below:

NYCHealthDepartmentWebsite

ConnecticutDepartmentOfHealthWebsite

CentersForDiseaseControlWebsite

Members who live in New York City can call 311 with questions or concerns

Please continue to connect with IUOE Local 30 Shop Stewards and Representatives with any concerns on your jobsite.

HOW DOES THE CORONAVIRUS PRESENT ITSELF?

The incubation period, which is the period of time between exposure to an infection and the appearance of symptoms, is estimated to be 2 to 14 days after exposure.

The symptoms of the Coronavirus can range from mild symptoms to severe illness and include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

Unfortunately, researchers haven’t found all the ways the 2019 Coronavirus can be spread, but as of right now we do know it can be transmitted in the following ways:
• Person to person - it is possible that people can be contagious even without symptoms present, but are most infectious once symptoms begin.
• The same way other respiratory viruses are spread
• Through the air via coughing/sneezing
• Close personal contact
• Touching an object that has the virus on it and touching your eyes/mouth/nose before washing your hands

PREVENTION:
Continue to follow standard cleaning and safety protocols. General precautions include:

• Wearing gloves and remove them once they become soiled
• Do not use compressed air for cleaning
• Wipe down frequently touched surfaces with an EPA registered low or intermediate disinfectant
• Use soap and water to wash hands after cleaning or an alcohol based hand sanitizer
• Follow practices that prevent many types of infections including other respiratory infections like the flu or colds
• Get the flu shot
• Do not touch your face with unwashed hands
• **Wash hands often with soap and water**
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick
• Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or a sleeve-do not use your hands
• Stay home/go to the doctor when you are sick

CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO OTHER RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONS
NEW YORKERS AND CONNECTICUT STATE RESIDENTS DO NOT NEED TO:
• Limit travel within the state
• Change anything about where they get their food or how they prepare it
• Avoid public gatherings/transportation
• Wear a face mask if they are healthy

US/NYC/CT RESPONSE
The threat of the Coronavirus has prompted responses on both the national and state levels. A Coronavirus task force was created through the National Security Council; the CDC has developed a diagnostic test and is building lab capacity to test nationwide. Flights from China are required to land at one of only 11 US airports including JFK and Newark. New York City has developed enhanced surveillance to identify possible cases and have implemented federal monitoring requirements. There is also laboratory testing at the NYC Health Department Public Health Laboratory. The state of Connecticut is participating in weekly national conference calls with the CDC as well as weekly in-state conference calls to exchange information and make sure that all agencies are well informed.

As of February 19, 2020 there are zero cases of Coronavirus in New York State. Sixteen out of seventeen suspected cases have returned negative results; one case is still awaiting results. There are zero cases of Coronavirus in the State of Connecticut and zero potential cases waiting for test results.