



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF BOILERMAKERS

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Brothers and Sisters,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation worldwide. On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Despite this declaration, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) continues to advise that **the risk to the general population in Canada remains low**, but this could change rapidly. People at increased risk include those:

- aged 65 and over;
- with compromised immune systems; or
- with underlying medical conditions

Currently, the federal government has implemented a global travel advisory: **Avoid non-essential travel outside Canada until further notice**. Check to see if your destination has an active travel health notice at www.canada.ca/coronavirus. Be aware that the government has also advised all Canadians who are currently abroad to return home promptly while they can.

- If you've recently traveled outside Canada, you may have come in contact with COVID-19. Consult with your provincial public health agency to see what the self-quarantine or self-monitoring requirements are for your province.
- If you have even mild symptoms, **stay home** and contact your provincial [public health authority](#) to inform them. They will provide advice on what you should do.

In response to COVID-19, we have established a national working group between the individual construction lodges and ISO districts to ensure we have open lines of communication and coordination, to share best practices and tackle emerging challenges together. We will also be working closely with our fair contractors and industry partners with one goal: to protect the safety and health of all members.

The spread of COVID-19 in Canada has understandably raised concerns for you and your families. We will continue to monitor the risk to our staff and members. We will follow the advice and direction of provincial and federal public health officials. We will advise and provide updated information as it becomes available.

Please take all precautions necessary to ensure the health and safety of yourselves and your families.

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For more information:

Government of Canada novel coronavirus information line:

- **1-833-784-4397**
- canada.ca/coronavirus

Provincial Health Authorities:

Manitoba (888-315-9257)

Ontario (866-797-0000)

All other provinces (8-1-1)

Boilermaker COVID-19 Updates:

www.boilermaker.ca/COVID19