



District 4

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Sisters and Brothers,

This letter is to update you on what is happening in District 4 during this challenging and unfamiliar time. Our International Office has been continually updating our www.usw.org website, with a specific link for Covid-19 resources and guidelines for you - <https://www.usw.org/members/coronavirus-resources>.

As I write this, all of District 4 is under various executive orders limiting travel and business operation to only those deemed as essential as well as mandating social distancing.

As a result of these orders, we have had to cancel all of our trainings and in person meetings for the immediate future. We have also had to close the District office and all the sub-district offices and set up operations to be able to perform all our work remotely. While our physical offices may be closed, I assure you that District 4 is open for business and our staff are working to provide the same service for our members as always.

Calls to our offices are being forwarded to the same people who would normally answer them and messages are dispatched by email. Your staff representative is in regular communication with your local union leadership. Meetings that would have been held in person are now being conducted by video or conference calls. It's not optimal but it will get us by during this period of emergency. While you may not see us in person for a while, please be assured that we are fighting just as hard for our members as ever.

For all our members who have been deemed as essential, we are working to assure that you are as safe as possible and that your employers are abiding by CDC and OSHA guidelines. For our members whose companies are temporarily closing, either fully or partially, we are working to secure the best possible benefits for you and your families while you are not working.

We have no idea how long these circumstances will last, but we are hopeful it will be short lived and we will be back to normal soon. Until then, please remember we are here for you.

In Solidarity,

Del Vitale, USW Director, District 4