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Dear Members:

Here is an update on COVID-19 for today, March 16, 2020. This situation is progressing quickly, and we would like to ensure you have the latest information in a timely manner.

We continue to closely monitor the developments surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and its far-reaching effects. We are collaborating and consulting daily with our industry partners including: BC Building Trades Business Managers and Training departments, Canadian Building Trades Unions, the Industry Training Authority, Construction Labour Relations Association (CLRA), Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA), the Ministry of Advanced Education, BC Federation of Labour, MLAs and Ministers, and tomorrow, we will be holding a conference call with Premier John Horgan. The health and safety of our staff, members, families and community are our main topics of discussion and ensuring that the decisions we are making for our members is based on complete and accurate information.

Our Office and Dispatch remain OPEN; however, I request that you refrain from coming to the office or dispatch unless absolutely necessary. All services can be conducted over the phone at 604-526-0441 or 1-888-223-7711 (members toll-free) or by email at info@ualocal170.com

#### **UA Piping Industry College (UAPICBC)**

UAPICBC is open but is transitioning to online delivery to allow students to continue with their programs. The practical portion of the various programs will be delivered at a later date. We have been in contact with the ITA and there are currently 18 apprenticeship classes completing this week and 54 next, province wide. We expect to get direction from the ITA and the Ministry of Advanced Education tomorrow and are currently working with the Federal government specifically regarding EI supports for apprentices in training.

The BC Building Trades has produced an informative Frequently Asked Questions webpage which addresses COVID-19 questions directly relating to the construction sector. You can access it by clicking [HERE](#).

**I urge you to continue to exercise caution and follow the hygiene protocols and social distancing guidelines of the Provincial Health Authorities and the World Health Organization. This is a critical time for our province and country, and we all need to work together to slow the spread of this virus. Please contact our office if you need any assistance.**

Fraternally,

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