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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF SMWIA LOCAL 473 ROOFERS, SIDERS, DECKERS, AND SHEET METAL WORKERS COVID-19 UPDATE

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Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and current government advisories the Local 473 office will remain open. We ask all members call first to see if there is a need to come visit the office. Your Union Executive is aware of the many questions and concerns you, your coworkers and your family have.

We are working in partnership with your Employers to address your rights and responsibilities as prudently as possible. It is a difficult and quickly changing situation.

Our number one priority is you, your coworkers and your families' health and safety.

If you have experienced any of the following:

- i) **Been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID 19; or**
- ii) **You have travelled to or been in contact with someone who has, travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days or**
- iii) **You exhibit symptoms (mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever or cough or shortness of breath)**

PLEASE STAY HOME.

**IF YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM A RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SEEK
MEDICAL ADVICE.**

If you are unable for any of the above reasons to attend work your employer is required to issue you a Record of Employment (ROE) and in most cases, you will be eligible for employment insurance benefits. Your ROE should state that you are suffering from an illness and or laid off due to Covid 19. If your ROE states that you were laid off due to shortage of work, please contact the Union office right away to discuss whether it is related to COVID-19.

For Updates on Covid 19 from the Canadian and Ontario Governments please seek the following link.

Infection Prevention and Control Canada

www.toronto.ca/covid-19

www.ontario.ca/coronavirus

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Please contact the office should you have any questions regarding the above matter.

Fraternally and healthy to all,



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