



Important Update From Your Union

Good evening to all of you,

I would like to take a minute to update you on the COVID-19 status. As you are aware, the Governor closed the state for non-essential personnel on 03/16 and 03/17/2020. Since the closure, I have been in constant contact with upper DTA management. Things are changing sometimes by the hour, as you saw with this morning's email from the Commissioner. We ask for your continued patience as we work with the Agency on how to move forward.

At this time, the plan is to reopen the state tomorrow. DTA/DHCD will announce their reopening plans any moment. Please keep checking your state email for instructions. We all know this is a very serious, unprecedented situation. We all have many questions, and with the constant changes, we may not have answers. Please be patient and kind to all.

We are government officials that provide the critical service of feeding hungry people and assisting vulnerable families in their time of need. We are the government, and why the government exists. The State cannot shut down. We need to work together during this, and remember what we do. Due to business closures, we have many fellow community members that are nervous. They do not know where their next income will come from, or quite possibly their next meal.

We will continue to work to the best of our abilities to keep workers safe while we provide critical service to our communities. We will update when possible.

If you have questions, please contact your local office Steward or your Regional Vice President via email.

**In solidarity,
President Cheri Antelo**

We will share additional information as it becomes available. Please [visit this page on the Local 509 website](#) to see the latest updates.

If you have any questions or concerns about how you should proceed or your responsibilities during this time, please contact your union steward, a [union representative](#), or call the MARC at 1-800-632-8079.

LOCAL 509 COVID-19 RESPONSE

To get the latest updates for SEIU Local 509 members on the COVID-19 outbreak, [follow us on Facebook](#) and [check our COVID-19 Response page](#) on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns about changes at your worksite , contact your steward, [a union representative](#), or call the Member Action Resource Center at 1-800-632-8079.

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