



COVID-19 Update for MRC Members

Greetings!

I just wanted to give everyone an update on what MRC's COVID-19 plan is moving forward. I am going to split the update into two sections: **Vocational Rehabilitation and Community Living Plan (VR/CL)** and **Disability Determination Services Plan (DDS)**.

VR/CL Plan

The Commissioner has informed me that ALL VR and CL staff will begin telecommuting as of March 18, 2020. Members should have received notification from their managers on the plan for picking up laptops and necessary files to work remotely. Telecommuting will remain in place until at least April 3rd. Members should talk to their managers and supervisors for additional guidance.

DDS Plan

The Commissioner has informed me of the following: **VDEs I-IV should report to work as of March 18, 2020 at their regular work site.** If anyone is unable to report to work due to the short notice as he/she has to make dependent care arrangements, you may use the code "SKE" in SSTA that will cover the day as paid leave. Anyone who is unable to report to work for the above reason is expected to spend their work hours accessing PACE from home and taking trainings that will help them at work. There will be no case assignments tomorrow.

Managers will be working on alternative work schedules for all staff as of March 18 and will share as soon as possible. Alternative work schedules will remain in place until at least April 3rd, 2020. These alternative work schedules are different from any current AWO schedule. **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.

In Solidarity,

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LOCAL 509 COVID-19 RESPONSE

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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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