



June 1, 2020

**RE: JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED**

Teamsters Local 647 continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the current situation, our Local has decided to cancel the General Membership Meeting for June 2020. We will start holiday meetings once it is safe to do so.

During these difficult times, the federal government has created the **Canada Emergency Respond Benefit (CERB)** to assist Canadians during the pandemic, specifically for those that have been laid off, or have had their working hours drastically reduced as a result of COVID-19.

To apply for CERB (or to see if you qualify), you can visit the government's information page at the link below:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>

We continue to encourage our members to follow all government and safety advisories, including proper handwashing practice, social distancing, and wearing safety equipment. Please be sure to raise all safety concerns to your managers and Health & Safety Committee members. We continue to raise the following measures:

- **Cancelling unnecessary meetings and group events**
- **Waiving any requirements for a doctor's note to permit sick leave**
- **Working with Service Canada to take advantage of the improved E.I. rules**
- **Working closely with Health & Safety Committees to provide accurate and timely information to employees regarding access to benefits and support**
- **Providing compassionate care and bereavement leave support to employees, including mental health counseling and support**
- **Accommodating parents with young children during the extended school closures**
- **Improved and increased screening, sanitation, and hygiene practices**

Our Local remains open to assist you. If you require any assistance, please contact the Union office at **905-760-0209** or your Business Agent directly.

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For further information about COVID-19, you can visit the following sites:

**Teamsters Canada:** <http://teamsterscanada.org/en/about/covid-19/>

**Public Health Ontario:** <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>

**Govt. of Canada:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

**IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU MAY BE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, PLEASE VISIT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL:** <https://ca.thrive.health/covid19/en>

Thank you for all your efforts and hard work during these difficult times.  
Stay safe and healthy,

Martin Cerqua  
President Local No. 647

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