

## United Public Service Employees Union

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Dear UPSEU Members,

It is obvious that the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) are unprecedented for our country, and in many parts of the world. It is times like these that ultimately bring our country closer together through random acts of kindness.

UPSEU has been and continues to be at the forefront in advocating for our members' safety, health, and fiscal stability. They are always top concerns for our organization, and they are obviously heightened during this COVID-19 pandemic. Please be aware that UPSEU officials have already contacted the State Officials of New York State, State of Connecticut, State of New Jersey and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to advocate on behalf of our members. UPSEU also urges the President of the United States of America and Congress to provide respective state and local governments with necessary funding, which would be advantageous for our public sector members. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 remains a fluid situation and one that we are monitoring very closely. There continues to be new federal legislation proposed to address the COVID-19, as well as new executive orders issued by the Governors.

We have established a site within our UPSEU website (www.upseu.org) dedicated to the COVID-19, which provides critical information such as guidance from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), unemployment information for each of the above referenced states, Q&A information from the World Health Organization, public school information, and much more. I strongly encourage you to visit our website and review this information as we are updating it frequently with the ever-changing world we are currently in at this time.

I thank you for your continued patience as we work with your employer to get vital answers and information as it relates specifically to the COVID-19 and the impact it has on your specific job.

I encourage you to contact your assigned UPSEU Labor Relations Representative with any questions and/or concerns you may have as we take them seriously.

Stay strong, help those that need it most. We will beat back this difficult time and positive times are ahead.

Yours in Unity.

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