

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council 2 Membership
Staff Representatives

FROM: Chris Dugovich, President/Executive Director

DATE: March 16, 2020

RE: Coronavirus/Closures

As everyone is aware, the impact of the Covid-19 virus has been felt across the state. Many jurisdictions are now directing employees to work from home if possible and some have closed certain facilities, such as libraries. The bottom line is we want everyone to be working in or at home in a healthy situation.

Council 2 and AFSCME are working hard to make sure your pay and benefits continue, whatever your work situation is with your employer.

Our Staff Representatives are available to help all of our Local Unions through this unique situation. It's important that at least until April 1st that regular Local Union meetings are postponed and other meetings are extremely limited.

Under no circumstances should this **be an excuse for an employer to save money**. This situation is certainly not the fault of our members who have been directed to go home.

Two large examples to use is that both the Seattle Public Library system and the Spokane City Library system have been closed for the immediate future. In both jurisdictions employees have been assured that they will not lose pay.

There is an unlimited amount of information on the internet on how you can take basic precautions on how to avoid the coronavirus. Look to your local health officials to stay informed.

Council 2 and our Staff Representatives are here to help with the work place issues. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you need help.

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