



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

Representing Carpenters in Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado

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To Our Partners,

Earlier this week, the Governors of [California](#) and [Nevada](#) issued Executive Orders ordering residents to stay at home to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

However, exemptions were put in place for essential workers needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing construction. **Which means Carpenter work is exempt from these orders.**

LA City and County have issued similar exemptions which include: "without limitation construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing. . ."

As such we will be instructing our members who are healthy and symptom-free that they may continue to report to any scheduled shifts to ensure that construction sites in the State of California are safe, and that our infrastructural needs continue to be met despite this pandemic.

We would ask that you as the employer take steps to enforce the social distancing and hygienic requirements of the State, County, and Local orders at your job sites, in order to keep all workers healthy. The Union will permit non-invasive methods of taking temperature, and anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should be sent home to self-quarantine.

As Carpenters, we're essential members of our communities, our cities, and our state. Now, more than ever, we're needed to keep the infrastructure and essential services our families depend on going strong.

We're talking with elected officials about updates, changes, or implementations of policy to help our members. We're talking with developers and contractors to make sure you have the information you need to run your jobs and keep our members safe. We're participating at the local, county, and state level to ensure that our communities are safe and supported. We understand what's at stake and we will, as we always have, do what needs to be done to secure the safety of our Carpenter families, co-workers, and communities.

In the coming days, the SWRCC will be rolling out measures to help our members deal with the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on their day-to-day life. Stay tuned to <https://www.swcarpenters.org/covid19/> for the latest updates, resources and FAQs.

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Fraternally,

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