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STATEMENT FROM NYCDCC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER JOSEPH A. GEIGER ON SAFETY AND MEMBERS' ELIGIBILITY FOR PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

During this unprecedented pandemic, our number one priority is your safety. We just received clarification on rules for unemployment insurance for members that have been directly impacted by COVID-19. You are now eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which provides payment to workers not traditionally eligible for unemployment benefits (self-employed, independent contractors, workers with limited work history, and others) who are unable to work as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. That information can be found on the COVID-19 Info hub on the District Council website or here: https://www.nycdistrictcouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID_Pandemic-Unemployment-Assistance.pdf.

As we have said before, if you ever feel unsafe, go home. If your employer is not taking the proper safety precautions, go home. If you do not want to work during this pandemic, stay at home. Further, if you are ever on a job site that is not abiding by the proper safety protocols, please document it with pictures and video and share the evidence with your Shop Steward and Business Agent.

The District Council is here for you. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.