



PRESIDENT WALKER'S VIDEO MESSAGE – March 25, 2020

Good afternoon Local 1000. Good to talk to you again.

As we talked about last week, the departments are starting to roll out their telework plans.

Just to highlight two big departments:

We know that EDD rolled out their telework plan. They prioritized it with unemployment claims, UI, and disability insurance, DI. I believe most of them are already telecommuting. And then they moved on to their Workforce Services branch. Those workers are starting to telecommute and also being redirected to do UI claims.

The other big department I want to talk about this week is CDCR, which is a huge department. Specifically, I want to talk about dental. There have been instructions that have come out. I understand that dental hadn't shut down. Not all of the places within CDCR had shut down seeing regular dental appointments. That should cease immediately. It should only be emergencies. We are aware that in some institutions they are keeping a higher percentage of dental employees on than they need to for an emergency and we are working on that.

And they are also working on their teleworking. The teachers, some of the teachers have started teleworking and we're looking to roll that out.

I would encourage you, whether you work in those departments or others and you're not seeing the plans roll out, please call our MRC, 866.471.7348.

On the personal protective gear front, we know that DGS got a large shipment that they're looking to move out statewide. They are prioritizing the PPEs for health care professionals. But we still want to ensure that our folks have masks and gloves and

everything that they need. If you're finding that you're not getting that, again, please call our Member Resource Center

I wanted to remind you that payday is coming up.

If you get a paper check and you're not direct deposit, please send an email to your department personnel just to make sure they have your current home address. The department should have already sent something to you about this, but if they haven't, let's be proactive. We want to make sure that they have your most current address on file so that there's no delay in getting your check.

Also, I want to let you know that next Thursday, at 6 o'clock, we'll be doing a live streamed tele-town hall. Details will be on our website, so please check that.

And also, as I end this message to you, I want to remind you if you're sick, stay home. If you're feeling sick, whether it's a cold, the flu, or you just don't know what it is and you're feeling sick, please use your sick leave and stay home. That causes concern for your coworkers, and it's a very considerate thing to do. So remember, if you're sick, you should use your sick leave and stay home.