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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES

COVID-19 UPDATES

What preventative measures will the agency provide to protect employees of Dept Job & Family Services?

Answer: The employer has determined the safest measures for our employees was to limit public access. The agency has since closed down the lobby and required clientele to drop their documentation in the drop box outside the agency.

Answer: All dispensers in the restrooms have antibacterial soap in them. In order to continue to decrease the spread of any viruses. The agency is looking at removing the current hand soaps on the counter for the time period and replacing them with antibacterial hand soap.

Answer: In order to cutdown on surfaces employees touch on a daily basis throughout the agency. The agency requested door stoppers to be made and distributed out to the different divisions in order to prop open some of the doors in their area. Areas that require employees to access their badge, employees should take precautions and utilize hand sanitizing stations, washing their hands or wipes in their area.

Answer: The agency housekeeping staff will work additional hours in order to provide continuous cleaning throughout the day and evenings for our members.

What type of products are being offered to employees in order to keep their workstation clean?

Answer: Employees are being provide antibacterial wipes to wipe down their computer stations. Also, the employer is adding a sanitizing spray (Shockwave) at certain locations in departments to complete extensive cleaning in their area. Purell was provided to our bargaining members who were located at the front desk and additional Purell stations have been purchased for the agency. Currently, the stations are on backorder with the company. Once the agency receives them, they will be placed throughout the agency for employees to use.

RESTROOM FACILITY UPDATES

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Currently, the union has received concerns from employees regarding “no hot water” coming out in the bathroom faucets when employees are washing their hands. What assistance will the employer provide in correcting this situation for the agency.

Answer: The agency had to order a part for our sinks in the bathroom. The part should be in within a week and this should provide ongoing hot water assistance to the bathroom facilities for the employees

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Answer: No current issues at this time

PARKING LOT UPDATES

What assistance can be provided by the employer regarding employees and clients driving through the agency parking lot erratically.

Answer: The building manager is meeting with vendors regarding the cost for signage. Also, the agency is working on other signage we need to provide in order for safety measures to be put in place when employees and clients enter the parking lot.