



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

UPDATE #4 (UPDATE 3-18-2020)

Dear Members, keeping you up to date on a few matters:

Since the latest recommendations from the CDC about public gatherings, President Alan Heim and I decided to err on the side of caution. They have recommended all gatherings of 50 or more people be canceled for the next 8 weeks. In addition, gatherings with fewer than 50 people are advised to adhere to all of the safety guidelines including remaining 6-feet apart from one another, which we do not believe we can adequately accommodate. So, all events, screenings, etc. are now canceled through May 10th.

Beginning 3/18/2020, we are closing both the Los Angeles and New York offices. The staff will be working remotely, and we expect the office to be fully functional. If you need immediate assistance with your dues account, roster placement or other membership related issues, please email Shanda Zuniga at szuniga@editorsguild.com. If you are not already familiar with or in touch with a particular field rep in Los Angeles, please email sgeorge@editorsguild.com. Use the Guild's website to access more staff contact info: www.editorsguild.com/contact

For those on the Industry Experience Roster, Contract Services is temporarily eliminating in-person visits due to the pandemic. There was already a plan underway to no longer be required to file updated I-9s through Contract Services starting in July, but this has been moved up and will start right away. Individual employers will be responsible for doing so as has been the case anyway for most since CSATF started processing them.

Those of you who have been laid-off and put on hiatus, or had your start dates pushed back, we need you to take a moment and fill out a 3-minute survey. We have had a relatively small number respond thus far, and we need to provide this information to the IATSE. The IATSE has been successful at securing a standardized two weeks of pay from our more responsible employers. The IA intends to address those employers who are not following suit. Report Hiatus/Start Date Changes here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoronavirusInfo

This is a devastating time for the entire IA family. Over 120,000 IA jobs are estimated to have already been lost. Both MPTF and the Actor's Fund are prepared to provide financial assistance through their social services departments. Links are included on our coronavirus information page: www.editorsguild.com/Coronavirus-Information

May you and your families and other loved ones stay safe and well.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Repola".

Cathy Repola
National Executive Director

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