



# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## UPDATE #9

Aid, Relief, and Economic Security "CARES" Act by Congress (UPDATE 3-30-2020)

Dear Members,

The recent mandate to stay at home through the end of April, although possible it could be extended, does allow the various production entities to look beyond what they have done to see if they will further help offset some of the economic hit to many of our members. Hopefully, they will make some additional gestures. For those of you who are not working at all, either from home or elsewhere, we realize this extension through the end of April could cause you additional anxiety. We encourage you to file for unemployment if you have not already done so. If you are in need of financial assistance, contact the **Motion Picture Television Fund** (LA area only) and the **Actors Fund** (NY and nationwide). We realize this may not be enough economic relief for some of you; we continue to add other resources to our webpage at <https://www.editorsguild.com/Coronavirus-Information>, "Industry Financial Resources."

Here, also is a link to information the IATSE sent out moments ago regarding the recently passed federal legislation.

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#### **Government Support for Creative Professionals Impacted by Covid-19: Flowchart**

We want to thank our members who volunteered to participate in a multi-IA local effort to sew protective masks and provide for delivery of those masks. If you are interested in joining this effort, please email Tracy Pacio at [tpacio@editorsguild.com](mailto:tpacio@editorsguild.com).

Another way to help that might be of interest to some of you: Our retired members, who are in a high-risk group and may need assistance having their basic needs met during this time, have been of particular concern to us. We have over 2,200 retired members. We implemented an initiative to make contact with each one of them individually through active-member volunteers. Simultaneously, the IA came up with a program in which we can partner to meet this goal. Already underway, Local 700 volunteers are reaching out via text messages and phone calls to our Guild's retirees and we could use a few more volunteers! We'll be doing welfare checks, and, in instances in which our retired sisters and brothers are in need of assistance, we'll be connecting them to the new IATSE CARES program. [iatsecares.org](http://iatsecares.org).

If you are able to help send texts and make calls to our retired members, please write to [Organizing@editorsguild.com](mailto:Organizing@editorsguild.com) with "Retiree outreach" in the subject header.

As stated previously, we are doing everything we possibly can as a union to be a support system for our members. If there is anything further you think we might do, please do let us know.

With best wishes and in solidarity,

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

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