



OREGON-COLUMBIA CHAPTER, NECA

COVID-19 AFTERNOON UPDATE

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In an effort to cut down on the number of communications we are sending to you, as we know everyone is receiving an abundance of information, we have opted to send a number of pertinent pieces of information in one bundle. We will be doing this every afternoon as long as there is information that needs to be passed along.

[Temporary Amendment to the NEBF Trust](#)

Please be advised that the Trustees of the National Electrical Benefit Fund (NEBF) and the National Employees Benefit Board (NEBB) have agreed to a temporary amendment to the Trust Agreement. This temporary amendment will waive the requirement for the 3% NEBF contribution on federally mandated sick pay due to the COVID-19 virus. The waiver is for up to a maximum of 80 hours and it is effective for the period of April 16, 2020 through December 31, 2020. [Please click here to see the summary.](#) The summary will also be mailed to all contributing employers.

[Washington's Phased Approach](#)

As construction continues to move forward with "Phase 1" of the Governor's pathway, to slowly return Washington State to some sense of normalcy, NECA cautions all contractors to spend the bulk of your energy ensuring that all facets of Phase 1 are met on your active jobsites. The most counterproductive thing to do at this point, would be to relax and give the jobsite protections and social distancing requirements less than our full commitment and attention. Phase 2, 3, and 4 are fully contingent upon nailing Phase 1 and showing skeptics that everyone can act responsibly in these difficult times. [Click here to view the phased approach chart from Washington.](#)

[NECA Legal Webinar 2 Q&A and Updated PPP Forgiveness Guidance](#)

For the Q&A from the 2nd NECA National Webinar and an updated on PPP forgiveness guidance, [please click here.](#)

[Furlough/Lay Off Survey Results](#)

We have asked you to participate in a number of surveys to help determine how electrical contractors are being affected by COVID-19. We asked for your best estimate on the number of collective bargaining employees in Local 48 who have either been furloughed or laid-off and to differentiate between employees who have been furloughed/laid-off because of a job shut down or lack of work versus those who are opting not to work due to fear of the coronavirus. Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey! [For the most recent survey results, please click here.](#)

For any questions or concerns, please contact Tim Gauthier, Executive Manager at tim@orecolneca.org.

All COVID-19 related information is available at <https://www.orecolneca.org/>