

Message from President Eddie Rodriguez

Public Employees on the Front Lines of Coronavirus: What to Do

Our members are the front lines of protecting and serving the public during this pandemic. We want to assure you that our union is working to make sure that management does not abuse you the members. You have rights on the job and you must be protected. If you are kept safe then your family and the public is kept safe. Also we need to understand that people are afraid so we must try to serve the public in a calm manner.

If any questions and problems come up at the work site please make sure you contact the Clerical Division at 212-815-1020 immediately. The same is true if any memos from management are distributed and rumors are spread. Ask for your grievance representative. If he or she is not available speak to the Emergency Representative on duty.

If you cannot get to speak to any of the above call the Local 1549 Troubleshooter Oscar Alvarado at 212-815-1057 and 212-815-1549. Also call us at those numbers if you have any complaints in servicing.

You should be included in any staff discussions concerning safety and health on the job, especially if you work in a healthcare institution. If you are not then call us right away.

Remember that you are entitled to various sick leave, Family Medical and Paid Family Leave that is appropriate for your situation. You can visit the Local 1549 website and read our collective bargaining and benefits information.

If you are sick then you are advised to stay home. If your illness persists more than two days without improving or worsens you should go to a healthcare facility.

If you want further information immediately go to the following website for information: NYC.GOV; City Department of Health at Doh.com; Federal Government at Center for Disease Control (CDC) at CDC.GOV.