

# UA Local 434 and COVID-19

Update: April 8, 2020

I'd like to provide the members of UA Local 434 updates related to the COVID 19 and some general local issues.

I would like to remind everyone that in these trying times the health and safety of our brothers and sisters of UA Local 434 and their families is our main priority.

Work within UA Local 434 despite the challenges of COVID-19 remains strong and steady. Members of UA Local 434 have always been very safety conscious and now more than ever it is imperative that we look out for each other when it comes to health and safety on the jobsite.

Please remember to follow the CDC recommended guidelines that include:

1. Remember your social distancing of 6 feet.
2. Wash your hands with soap and water regularly.
3. Wear a mask and gloves when appropriate.
4. The UA comprehensive COVID 19 resource center can be found on our website at [www.ualocal434.org](http://www.ualocal434.org).

If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable on your worksite, please remember to address your situation with your foreman. If more help is needed, please direct your concerns to your Job Stewart or Business Agent. Please remember an uncomfortable worksite can be an unsafe worksite.

## Other upcoming events that have been canceled

1. The Wisconsin Pipe Trades VIP Program for this spring has been postponed.
2. The Wisconsin Pipe Trades Convention that was scheduled for June 3-5 has been canceled.

## Updates from the Training Department

1. Plumbing apprentice day school started online classes last week.
2. Steamfitter apprentice day school started online classes this week.
3. Some night school classes have been switched to online. The Training Department is working to move as many classes as possible to online. They will contact you if the class you were scheduled for can be moved to online.

## New Eau Claire Union Hall and Training Center update

1. We have moved in to our new location at W3380 State Rd 37 and we are working to making it the new office and training center Eau Claire home. Work on the new welding lab should be starting shortly.

A big, big THANK YOU to all members, agents and the training department that helped with the move, we could not have done it without you.

2. Our old training center at 2406 Ridge Road has now been sold. We closed the sale and it was finalized on April 7, 2020.

Please look for a letter in the next couple weeks addressing meetings and events in the month of May. Please remember the UA Local 434 staff, agents, training department and myself are here to help address any of your questions or concerns. I believe UA Local 434 is strong, will work together and get through this even stronger.

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