

CRUE/WEAC Region 4 Office Closed During School Shutdown

Due to the COVID-19 the CRUE office staff will be working remotely. If you have employment matters to discuss call the office and leave a voice mail or send an e-mail. Staff will be checking their voice mail and e-mail regularly throughout the work week and will return your message as soon as possible. 608-781-1234

Coronavirus Related Employment Issues

Student Testing - It is increasingly clear that it will not be possible to complete testing this year due to the pandemic. The DPI will aggressively pursue a waiver request to the United States Department of Education (USDE) from this requirement and will work with the legislature and governor's office around suspending the state test requirements this spring. Note: As of Friday 1 P.M. President Trump announced that the federal Department of Education will not be enforcing standardized testing requirements this school year.

Waivers - The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will waive the hour requirement for any school district that requests the DPI to do so. Districts will still need to request this waiver per state law, but the DPI will expedite this process to make it as easy as possible for you. Accordingly, DPI officials are asking the governor to suspend a portion of the Administrative Code, so they may provide an expedited process to request a waiver and have it granted immediately.

DPI is updating [THIS PAGE](#) regularly with school related information and announcements.

WISCONSIN SCHOOLS AND CORONAVIRUS

Wisconsin Education Association Council 

Educators FAQs

Educators have a lot of questions related to school closures, from what employers can require during this national emergency to how we will be compensated so we can provide for our families. We're collecting many of your questions and sharing them [HERE](#).

- **My employer has asked me to sign an agreement regarding a new pay arrangement because of the closure, should I sign it?** Before signing, contact your local union representative or regional director to review the agreement and determine if it is acceptable or if changes are needed.
- **Am I eligible for unemployment benefits if my employer does not pay me during the closure?** If you are prevented from working because of a closure you may be eligible for unemployment benefits if you remain able and available to work and satisfy monetary and weekly eligibility criteria.
- **My principal wants to hold regular staff meetings using Zoom. Do I have to attend?** If your employer continues to pay you, it is reasonable to expect your attendance during the regular work day. School districts should provide the necessary hardware and software tools required to meet virtually.

Find updated information at: <http://www.weac.org/coronavirus>



April 7 Election-Vote Absentee

This is an important election not only for the Presidential Primary election, but also for the Wisconsin State Supreme Court. Please vote early in this period of uncertainty.

A voter may request that a ballot be sent to them by sending an e-mail or fax to their municipal clerk. Registered voters can also request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov by clicking "Vote Absentee." This request must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2 for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

In-person absentee voting hours and date vary by municipality. Many will offer in-person absentee voting between now- April 3. Please check with your municipal clerk for regular office hours.

**VOTE Judge Jill Karofsky
for
Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice**

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