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Statement on Governor’s Mandate to Return to Work

In light of the Governor’s recent decision to reopen state offices and the security and health concerns that decision brings forward from our membership, we would like to remind you of a few processes we have put into place to assist.

We have been meeting with the LMC regularly and we have discussed physical safety, COVID protocols for staff, and remote work options. While discussing these main topics, we were able to follow up with many questions concerning the well-being and safety specific to some of our membership, these questions, and their answers can be found in a new “pop up” on our website.

Each state agency is responsible for how to reopen and under what guidelines. There are also a number of ways to get involved. Members can contact their workplace Safety Committee or form one immediately. Registering for the vaccine, or contacting your PCP about ADA accommodations if needed is another. Filing with the Department of Labor regarding an unsafe work condition or contacting your Steward or SEA Organizer for assistance is always an option. Of course, your safety and that of our membership and community are what matters most, if you feel you are at risk or the safety of your family is in grave danger, you may reach out to me at any time at president@seiu1984.org.

As always, we are here to serve and are doing our best within the guidelines being put forth but we are also available for open and honest discussion. These decisions are important and we value your voice and your knowledge from the work sites.