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To: All Affiliates
Local Building Trades Councils
Provincial Executive Board
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Dear Colleagues,

Earlier today, Premier Doug Ford announced that the government will be requiring the **mandatory closing of all non-essential businesses effective Tuesday March 24, 2020 at 11:59pm** which will be in effect until at least April 14, 2020, as Ontario fights the COVID-19 contagion.

In light of the evolving threat from COVID-19, we support the Premier's decision. A list of businesses that are deemed essential will be provided by the Premier tomorrow. Grocery stores, pharmacies, essential manufacturing, the LCBO, takeout restaurants, and relevant supply chains will be deemed essential. We expect that major portions of Ontario's construction industry will be impacted. What is not yet clear is how much of Ontario's construction industry will be deemed essential by the government.

Presently, the schedule is for Premier Ford and the government to make further clarifications tomorrow and we will keep you informed accordingly.

In Solidarity,

Patrick J. Dillon, Business Manager & Secretary Treasurer
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