



Union Member - here is your April, 2020 e-newsletter (with updates since early March):

[Providing Tools for Staying Healthy and Safe](#)

Since the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak was declared a global pandemic, our AFT Connecticut website has been regularly updated with division-specific news and official resources:

- [Click here for our Healthcare division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our PreK-12 teachers division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our Public Employees division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our Paras & School-Related Personnel \(PSRP\) division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our Higher Education division main page.](#)

[Answering Members' Questions on the Pandemic](#)

As part of our state federation's efforts to help you weather the spread of coronavirus spread, we planned two podcast episodes on the issue. [Click here for the announcement of the change in topic and to submit your questions to be answered.](#)

[Safeguarding the Frontlines in an "Example of What We're All About"](#)

Clinical caregivers battling COVID-19 were in late March aided by an innovative cross-campus collaboration among University of Connecticut (UConn) faculty, researchers and students. [Click here to learn more about healthcare union members' efforts to secure personal protective equipment \(PPE\) for their colleagues.](#)

[Deploying School Nurses to Test for COVID-19](#)

Local healthcare union leaders in mid March reached an agreement empowering members facing layoffs to help identify patients in need of critical treatment and care. [Click here to learn more about how collective bargaining provided the path forward to "get everyone through this."](#)

[Demanding Action to Prioritize PPE](#) *

We are circulating our national union's petition urging the Trump Administration "honor the bravery of healthcare workers" risking coronavirus infection to care for others. [Click here to share the action on Facebook and encourage your friends, family and neighbors add their names.](#)

[Showing Appreciation for State Workers' Service and Dedication](#)

Public employee union members in mid March teamed up with Governor Ned Lamont to provide their colleagues with COVID-19 prevention and treatment tips. [Click here to watch and share a brief video reminding state workers to prioritize their own well-being.](#)

[Defending Working People from Threats and Intimidation](#) *

Activists in early March turned out in Hartford for a public hearing to advocate for a proposal to limit employers' coercive anti-labor tactics. [Click here for a photo of a healthcare union leader urging lawmakers pass legislation banning "captive audience" meetings.](#)

[Holding Public Higher Education Officials Accountable](#) *

Faculty and support staff in the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities (CSCU) system in early March escalated their labor coalition's efforts to protect students' learning opportunities. [Click here for photos from their capitol news briefing that feature over a dozen higher education union members."](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- Ongoing: ["Supplies for Healthcare Heroes" PPE Drive](#)
- April 7: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- April 14: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- April 15: [Teachers' Pre-Retirement Webinar - RESCHEDULED](#)
- April 21: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- April 28: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- May 5: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- May 9: [AFT CT 73rd Annual Business Convention](#)

Featured Benefit

- AFT Connecticut: [Scholarships - DEADLINE EXTENDED](#)

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