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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