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Be **PROACTIVE!** Tips and Information based on reports of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

(Article directed by IMEA Executive Director; Duane Richardson)

The IMEA—in coordination with our industry and government partners—continues to monitor the evolving situation with regard to COVID-19. We are committed to the health and safety of our staff, membership and the public at large. Any and all actions we take as an association will be in an effort to honor this commitment.

At this point, IMEA has neither issued travel restrictions nor canceled any events, including conferences and meetings; however, we have suspended in person Board Meetings and Committee Meetings for the near future and have a conference call scheduled for March 16th to discuss our Safety Meetings and upcoming Workshops. As always, IMEA is committed to imposing appropriate sanitary, health and safety measures to protect the health and welfare of our Members and the general public and encourages everyone to follow U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

As of yesterday, several of our Members have implemented control measures in an attempt to protect their staff. I will keep the membership informed of any changes to our schedule or how we intend to conduct business as the information comes available. In the mean- time, please view the latest guidance from OSHA on Preparing Workplaces for Covid-19 <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Duane Richardson at (765)366-5506, or email Duane Richardson at duane@imea.com.

IMEA Mutual Aid Information

In the event of a disaster, the IMEA Mutual Aid program is designed to provide trained personnel and assistance to any municipality, IOU or electric cooperative in or outside of the state of Indiana. Our first priority is to dispatch crews to IMEA member communities.

I would like to take this time to remind all IMEA member communities that in the event of an emergency, whether you are the recipient or aiding utility, to please keep the IMEA informed of any Mutual Aid activity. An email will tell us who is already involved and help us in coordinating efforts should the event escalate. (coordinate your calls through the IMEA). If you call your neighboring community without calling us first it may actually hinder our coordinating efforts to benefit all IMEA communities in the event of a widespread emergency. If someone calls you for assistance please ask them if they have contacted the IMEA. If you have sent crews to a neighboring community please let either me or one of the regional coordinators know at the IMEA.

As an important safety reminder, only permit "home utility" personnel to enter your substation during an emergency, mutual aid activity or any other time. If you have any questions about IMEA's Mutual Aid program, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other statewide contacts.



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