

INDIANA/KENTUCKY/OHIO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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Brothers and Sisters,

For the last 140 years, safety has been the solid foundation on which the United Brotherhood of Carpenters was built. On a jobsite our members know the importance of safety. Whether it's our hardhats, safety glasses, or harnesses, we know that in order to keep ourselves, our brothers, and our jobsite safe that we must take every precaution to do so.

The Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters has risen to every challenge COVID-19 has thrown our way. From ensuring apprentice & instructor safety at our training centers, ramping up PPE on jobsites, and even building large-scale temporary hospitals, IKORCC members have proven to be essential and continue to provide a skilled workforce in tough times.

Although the world has adjusted to the "new normal," the coronavirus is still everchanging and evolving. As the number of contractors and end user's safety requirements increase, we as a council must be ready to face a new challenge. The coronavirus vaccine is on its way to having full approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) by September 2021.

Now with more than 331 million doses administered in U.S, the vaccine has proven safe and effective against symptomatic infections, decreasing hospitalizations and death. More than 99% percent of Americans who have died from COVID-19 were unvaccinated. The science is clear - the vaccine saves lives.

As President McCarron said, "All of our jobsites have safety requirements – hard hats, specific PPE, or background checks. This is no different. This is a safety requirement so that all of us can work together and go home safe at the end of the day."

We strongly encourage you to get educated on the COVID-19 vaccine, and ask your doctor questions. The choice is up to you. But, please understand that every day more of our end users are requiring a vaccinated work place.

It's time we all step up to the challenge and continue to protect ourselves, our families, our community, and the future of the IKORCC by getting vaccinated against the novel coronavirus.

Below you'll find useful information about the COVID-19 vaccine and where you can get yours.

https://www.vaccines.gov/?gclid=CjwKCAjw9ailBhA1EiwAJ_GTSvPrq_fnpv3_1F-BdTXxVvHJ7P_BCWgeXlfs6KTKAR5IQRFlbYMirhoC9D0QAvD_BwE

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Executive-Secretary Treasurer