

Fw: PFT COVID-19 Update 4-06-20: Town Hall Recording - CARES Act & UI – Masks – Woolslair Vid - links

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## Updates

Dear Dan:

### **Tele Town Hall Recording Available For Listening Or Download.**

Our first-ever Tele-Town Hall with the district worked out incredibly well last week—thanks so much to all the members who attended by phone and asked fantastic questions, and thanks to the AFT, PFT Staff and all the district staff who carved out time to be there for everyone!

[Here is the link to the April 2 town hall recording](#)—you can play it directly from the link or choose to download the file (122 mb) to listen to at your leisure.



We hope this is the first of several tele town halls so that members can engage directly with the district as we navigate distance-learning and other challenges.

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### **Critical Reminder About Unemployment Compensation and the CARES Act.**

If you or someone you care about filed for unemployment, this week may be first week you'll see a check -- and you may have a question about the additional amount approved by the Federal

Government.

The CARES Act creates an additional \$600 a week payment, *which is supposed to start as a new benefit this week, as long as the state gets guidance from the Federal Government.*

While this payment may not be reflected immediately, when it is processed by the state, it is to be retroactive to your date of unemployment.

[Please click here to read an important overview of the CARES act.](#)

This may be of particular interest to our day-to-day substitutes as well anyone who has a question about the first unemployment checks coming in this week. We will provide even greater detail on this in future updates!

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## Masks Recommended For Public. Here's How To Find One Or Make One.

Over the weekend, the CDC issued guidance that if you *need* to go outside, you should wear a cloth mask. Here are two sites shared by the AFT that should help you comply by either [buying a \(non-medical\) mask](#) ... or ... [making one yourself](#).

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## The Signs from Woolslair to Students are as Plain as Day ...



Check out some [positive messages from Woolslair](#) (Kathy Michelotti, Building Rep) and brighten your Monday ... look for future shares from Dilworth, Carmalt, Brookline, Sunnyside, Colfax, PEA, Phillips K-5, Morrow ...

Continue to share inspiring school messages with us, and we'll do our level best to share with PFT members! **Send youtube links to dan\_evans@pft400.org.**

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## Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves. *It will do so daily.*

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[Click for EAP Information Flyer](#)

[Click for Life Skills Solutions Website](#) *(login upper right)*  
[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)  
[PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links](#)  
[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)  
[PA-Specific Resources from Senator Casey](#)  
[Student Debt Relief Resources](#)



### Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control](#)  
[Allegheny County Health Department Rumor Control](#)

Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.

In solidarity—

Nina Esposito-Visgitis

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