



WEEKLY UPDATE

March 9 - 13, 2020

***The Plumber Exists to Protect the Health of the Nation.
The MPC Exists to Support the Plumber.***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH

Next Generation Event

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Daniel Misa will be joining us to discuss the NYS Backflow Program from 1984 up until present time. He will also be discussing the different types of training you can obtain as a plumber.

Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center

[Register Here](#)

APRIL

SUNY Empire State College/ CTLTC 7-hour Live License Renewal Course

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Don't miss this live course prepared and presented by members of our DOB committee.

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

LaGuardia Airport Marriott

[Click here to register.](#)

6th Annual Affiliate

Appreciation Night - CANCELED

Basic I Gas Appliance Class

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center
15 Spots Available

[Register Here](#)

Basic II Hands On Gas Appliance Class with Actual Control Systems

Saturday, April 24, 2020

Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center
10 Spots Available

[Register Here](#)

Statement on Coronavirus & Our Upcoming Events

The health and safety of our members is our highest priority. We are monitoring this ever changing situation and its potential impact on our future meetings and events. We have the following update for our members:

6th Annual Affiliate Appreciation Night - CANCELED - As a precaution, the MPC Board has decided to cancel our 6th Annual Affiliate Appreciation Night. We are working on rescheduling for later this year and will be sure to keep everyone updated if a new date is set.

Please feel free to contact us with questions.

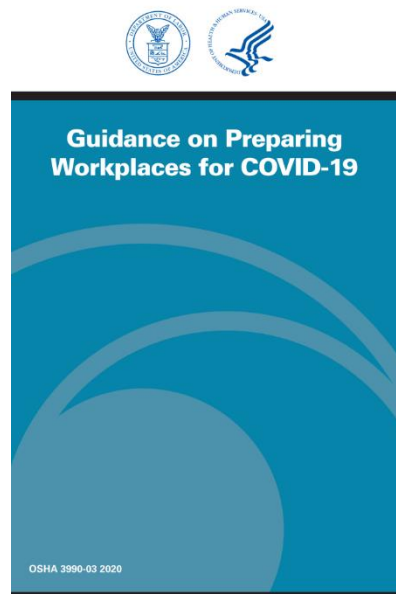
Regards,
Master Plumbers Council of the City of New York

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION

We received the following OSHA guide and felt it was important for members to have.

The US Department of Labor OSHA has published a "Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19". Please find below the introduction to the guide.

To reduce the impact of COVID-19 outbreak conditions on businesses, workers, customers, and the public, it is important for all employers to plan now for COVID-19. For employers who have already planned for influenza pandemics, planning for COVID-19 may involve updating plans to address the specific exposure risks, sources of exposure, routes of transmission, and other unique characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 (i.e., compared to pandemic influenza viruses). Employers who have not prepared for pandemic events should prepare themselves and their workers as far in advance as possible of potentially worsening outbreak conditions. Lack of continuity planning can result in a cascade of failures as employers attempt to address challenges of COVID-19 with insufficient resources and workers who might not be adequately trained for jobs they may have to perform under pandemic conditions.



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed this COVID-19 planning guidance based on traditional infection prevention and industrial hygiene practices. It focuses on the need for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as considerations for doing so

This guidance is intended for planning purposes. Employers and workers should use this planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement. Additional guidance may be needed as COVID-19 outbreak conditions change, including as new information about the virus, its transmission, and impacts, becomes available.

[Click here for the Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19.](#)

DOB UPDATES:

Updated March 13, 2020

DOB AUDITING OP-128 SUBMISSIONS

As we stated in prior updates, DOB Plumbing Enforcement Unit has audited OP-128 submissions and issued violations to licensed plumbers. The violations for these submissions have been for work without a permit and making a materially false statement.

Great news - [Click here to continue reading.](#)

LOCAL LAW 152 UPDATES

We will be sending out an update early next week regarding the status of where we believe the process is at this time.

The MPC still recommends that members wait until the issues are resolved prior to commencing with these inspections. The current coronavirus situation is another reason to postpone. While most inspections are able to be conducted, any restoration work may be hindered due to lack of access to the work areas.

Please note that should you, your men or your customer suspect there is a gas related issue it should be addressed immediately by the appropriate qualified personnel.

UTILITIES UPDATES:

National Grid Supply Long Term Solutions

National Grid's Long-Term Capacity Report, which outlines a number of options to solve for acknowledged natural gas capacity restraints in our downstate New York region, is available at ngrid.com/longtermsolutions. We invite you to review the options presented in the report and then join us at one of the several public information meetings being held in March throughout our Brooklyn, Queens, Suffolk and Nassau county communities. [Click here to continue reading.](#)

SENDING PAYMENTS TO ENERGY SERVICES

Dear Project Center User,

As of March 1st, 2020, we no longer accept checks sent to Energy Services regional areas (except Customer Requested Outages). [Click here to continue reading.](#)

ASSOCIATION UPDATES:

2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Now accepting applications for the 2020 Scholarship Program!

Application Deadline is Friday, April 17, 2020!

Each year, the Master Plumbers Council offers scholarships to honor and further the education of worthy students. The program is divided into two levels, High School (Entering Grades 9-12) and College/Post High School. Two high school students will each be awarded \$1,250 and two college students will each be awarded \$2,500.

- In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must be either:
The child or grandchild of a NYC Licensed Master Plumber who has been a member in good standing of the MPC for a minimum of one year preceding the application date or a child or grandchild of a deceased member who met such membership requirement.
- The child or grandchild of an employee who has been employed for a minimum of one year by a Licensed Master Plumber who is a member of the MPC. These applicants must be sponsored by a Master Plumber Member of the MPC.

[Visit www.nycmpc.org/page/ScholarshipProgram for more information!](http://www.nycmpc.org/page/ScholarshipProgram)

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- **Contact the Association:** [Click here](#) for our Association Directory.
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