

The past couple of weeks, COVID-19 has thrown the world into a tailspin. The pandemic has certainly brought uncertainty in many ways and I understand that this uncertainty can also cause a great deal of angst, fear and stress on all of us. However, it is important to be patient, listen, and act, on what is being recommended at this time by the experts.

Your emails and phone calls have kept the branch and the National Office busy, as we seek answers to your questions and concerns. Please rest assured our foremost priority is to ensure the continued health and safety of our members, but I urge you to please be patient, as answers are not always readily available. There's no CA or policy and procedure guideline for us to refer to in addressing COVID-19, so we will respond to your enquiries as soon as we possibly can.

We have to rely and support our leaders as they make decisions that we all don't agree with, but are mandated to follow. I would ask that you refrain from posting any negative comments on social media about your employer. Should you choose to participate in such activity, please be prepared to defend your actions, as it could result in discharge. As we continue to display resiliency and fortitude, we will get through this together.

These are unprecedented and challenging times, that we are ALL going through together, but will have different impacts on each and every one of us; with the situation evolving daily and sometimes even hourly. As we continue to weather this storm, I ask that you be as flexible, responsible, compassionate and understanding, more than ever before. We need to stick together, while keeping our social distance, to keep ourselves and everyone safe.

APOC is here for you to assist in any way that we can. Take care of yourself, your family, and your friends. Be responsible, get the well-deserved rest, and Be safe.

Dawn & Sandra