

SWALC Newsletter

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL



Next Meeting
SWALC Monthly E-Board &
Delegates Meeting
TBD
Video Conference Possible

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Welding Month
April

Easter
April 12

Workers Memorial Day
April 28

National Work Zone Awareness Week
April 13 - 17

POSTPONED
Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch
TBD

Alabama Lineman Appreciation Day
June 1

POSTPONED
NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
TBD

CANCELLED
Alabama AFL-CIO
Leadership Conference

AL State BCTC Conventions
July 19 - 24

AL State BCTC Golf Tournament
July 22

Coronavirus: There is Help

As the day, weeks, and possibly months of the COVID-19 health crisis pass; the needs of the community will evolve. There is help available to Southwest Alabama residents. United Way of Southwest Alabama (UWSWA) continues to update the community about the various services available throughout this difficult time. UWSWA also anticipates individuals, families, and businesses will continue to need help after the social distancing policies are lifted.

Assistance available:

- [Direct agency assistance](#) or call United Way 211
- [Food Assistance](#);
- [Small Business Assistance \(including non-profit charitable and union organizations\)](#);
- [Distance Learning for Kids K-12](#);
- [Taxes](#);
- [FamilyWise Prescription Discount Card](#);



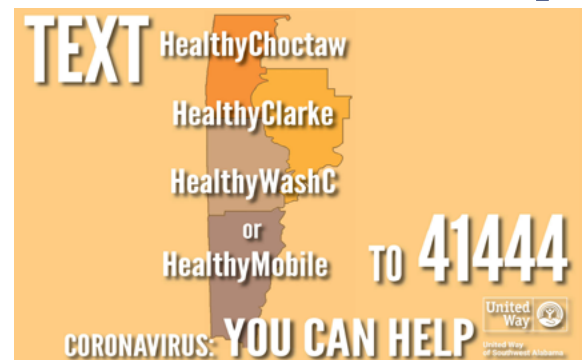
- [Multilingual information on COVID-19](#);
- [Avoiding Fraud & Scammers](#);
- [Internet Access Assistance](#).

For more information on these available services, service updates, and how to connect to them, visit <http://uwswa.org/blog>. There is also assistance and information available at [AFL-CIO](#).

Coronavirus: You Can Help

As Southwest Alabama continues to navigate the challenges and disruptions caused by the COVID-19 public health crisis, there are several things our affiliates and their members you can do to help.

1. [Donate](#) to UWSWA COVID-19 Help Fund or Text to Give (see graphic)
2. Shop the [UWSWA Covid-19 Help Amazon Wish List](#);
3. [Volunteer](#) - there are virtual & on-site opportunities available
4. Call Our Congressmen - tell your representative to appropriate more money for workers & non-profit and protect workers rights and safety;
5. Comply with social distancing orders;
6. [Donate UWSWA partner agency needs](#)



7. [Take care of each other and take care of you](#)
8. [Labor Movement Relief Fund](#)

For more information on how you can help, visit <http://uwswa.org/coronavirus-how-2help/#more-19537>



AL State BCTC Conference & AL State BCTC Golf Tournament

The Alabama State BCTC Conference & Alabama State BCTC 6th Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for July, as of today, have not been cancelled or postponed. We will send a notification out in the May newsletter to confirm if that is still the case.

For additional information on the conference, call Joyce Salter at 251.476.0625 or joyce@UALocal119.org.

To register for the golf tournament online, visit <https://albctc2020.eventbrite.com>. For more information or to register by mail, contact Leslie Schraeder at lschraeder@uwsa.org / 251.431.0101.

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

Safe work is a right not a privilege. Workers' Memorial Day, held on 28 September every year, brings together workers and their representatives from all over the world to remember workers who have been killed, seriously injured or made ill whilst doing their jobs.

"The labor movement is working nonstop to protect the health and safety of all workers, including workers on the front lines of this public health emergency. We [AFL-CIO] have trained, educated and equipped our members with the tools they need to be safe on the job, but we are demanding additional urgent action to ensure employers implement comprehensive plans to protect front-line workers and reduce the risk of exposure to the general public."

As we face the coronavirus pandemic, more and more of those on the COVID19 frontlines are in danger. It is crucial to expand the Defense Production Act to get the public service workers the Personal Protection Equipment they need. While we mourn the workers that have passed, we need to fight for the safety of every worker.

THE HIGH TOLL OF JOB INJURIES, ILLNESSES AND DEATHS IN ALABAMA IN 2017

1,936,819 WERE EMPLOYED IN ALABAMA

- 83 workplace fatalities (down 17)
— 21 investigated by OSHA
- 5 fatalities from assault & violent acts
- 34 fatalities from transportation incidents
- 0 fatalities from fires & explosions
- 13 fatalities from falls
- 7 fatalities from exposure to harmful substance or environments
- 21 fatalities from contact with objects & equipment
- 38,500 workers were injured on the job (down 2,500)
- 17,600 workers had injuries and illness cases with days away from work, job transfer, or restriction.
- 308,917 state and local public employees not covered by the OSHA Act.
- 24 Federal OSHA inspectors in Alabama.
- 913 workplace inspections conducted
- 131 years to inspect all the Alabama workplaces once.