

# AGMA

AMERICAN GUILD *of* MUSICAL ARTISTS

## Dear AGMA Member:

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We are writing to you about the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis and the steps your union is taking to assist all AGMA members during this difficult time. Please don't hesitate to contact your local area delegates and representatives for any company-specific questions.

Yesterday we sent [a detailed memo](#) to the management of each and every one of our signatory companies. Among other things:

- We provided a list of CDC-recommended precautionary measures they should follow immediately, if they haven't already.
- We asked that they forward AGMA any communications or instructions they've already shared with our members and to alert AGMA of any contingency plans being considered.
- We asked them to contact AGMA immediately if they are considering cancellations. We are reviewing creative alternatives to cancellations.
- We also are seeking to maintain benefits and expand sick leave, as the particular circumstances require.
- Finally, AGMA committed to working with our employers to ensure safety, maintain business continuity, and minimize the impact of this outbreak on our membership.

Please know that we recognize the coronavirus crisis may impact our members differently, depending on whether you are working under seasonal or per performance contract. We are taking the concerns of *all* our members into consideration and will continue to do so as we proceed.

In the end, AGMA's main priority is protecting the health and employment of our members. We are regularly updating [our resource page](#) to include more AGMA-specific resources, like information on the AGMA Relief Fund. [Visit](#) to learn how to help your colleagues directly impacted by the coronavirus or to begin the application process yourself. Other important information and resources available to you as an AGMA member through The Actors Fund and Union Plus can be found on our resource page as well.

AGMA is also working with the AFL-CIO and AGMA's sister unions in the entertainment industry to share resources and coordinate responses. We will continue to share relevant information with you as soon as it becomes available.

While it is difficult to predict exactly how COVID-19 will affect our members and our signatory companies, we will continue to do whatever we can to keep you safe and informed. Collectively, we can develop responses and solutions to fortify our industries in the face of this crisis. As always, if you have questions or concerns about health and safety in your workplace, please contact your delegates or AGMA staff representatives right away.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep yourself and your colleagues safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. Your union is here for you and will continue to keep you informed.

In Solidarity,

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