



UA Local 342 Joint Apprenticeship & Training

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*Serving the Pipe Trades Industry of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
Apprenticeship & Journeyman Training for Plumbing, Steamfitting, Pipefitting & HVAC/Refrigeration*

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To: UA Local 342 Apprentices and Members

Re: Resuming Classes / Training

Now that a new normal is settling in, the Training Center has started to put dates together for a soft reopening in June, and a tentative plan to hold apprentice classes starting mid-July. This timeline is based on current county/state, model/projections. As we plan to reopen for classes, current county guidelines have been taken into account, and that most of them will still be in place at the time of the reopening (**face coverings, stay at home if you are sick, wash your hands often, social distancing, social gatherings**).

The piping industry was listed as an essential workforce supporting many essential jobsites that remained open throughout the shelter in place orders. The Training Center needs to reopen to continue field support and the development of our future Journeypersons.

June 1, 2020 We will have a soft reopening for limited priority classes. **Please contact trade specific coordinator for details.** This will give us a chance to check our operations prior to apprentices restarting classes.

Recertification Classes: HHFT / Med Gas / Rigging

Instructor classes for remote learning/technology

Certification Classes: Star / Med Gas / Rigging

Weld Testing / Practice Sessions

10th Period Classes: Turn Out Test

July 13, 2020 will be the week that both evening and day apprentices start back to finish up the interrupted classes of the last semester. At this time, we will still be following the county recommended guidelines (face coverings, stay at home if you are sick, wash your hands often, social distancing, social gatherings). We will have additional cleaning staff; cleaning surfaces more frequently during sessions.

Day classes will be rescheduled to resume training every other week for a 10-hour session. Some larger classes will be split into smaller groups. For some classes, the day of the week may change due to class sizes being modified. Day classes should conclude early November 2020. Your training coordinator will be revising schedules for distribution.

Evening Classes will be starting earlier this semester to accommodate reducing class sizes. Most evening classes will be split in half; half attending classes every other week, the other half the opposite every other week. On this every other week schedule, classes will conclude December 17, 2020. Most of the evening classes will remain on the same day of the week at the same time (just every other week). Your training coordinator will be revising schedules for distribution.

In addition to the above modifications, we are in the process of setting up a handful of classes to be remote learning. This is an attempt to get more familiar with this process. We are not believers in remote learning for hands-on technical training, but a few classes do lend themselves to this format. With a still uncertain future, as we move forward, our intention is to stay prepared for all scenarios.

Please keep in mind that these dates are subject to change, but planning does need to start somewhere.

Thank you,

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