



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*

January 2021 Update from the Training Center

To: Students and Instructors
Re: Continued COVID Adjustments

The current semester (Fall 2020) has been challenging for all. We sincerely appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation, **a job well done!** With that said, the upcoming semester (Spring 2021), starting January 2021, will continue with most of the same challenges, plus a few more. Most of the new/added challenges for this semester (Spring 2021) will fall on the shoulders of the evening Students and Instructors to burden. In an attempt to bring down the total count of students onsite any given one night, each program has been asked to assign some instructional sessions that would be normally held Monday-Thursday nights to Friday nights, or even Saturday (8) hour sessions. Class sizes will also be re-adjusted in some cases to a more normal class size (keeping social distancing in mind or the use of partitions). We will expand/continue with distance learning sessions (Zoom/BlackBoard) for the classes that make sense. Again, this is going to take a huge group effort to advance under the conditions of our new normal, we thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation!

Same as last semester, if any Student or Instructor is uncomfortable with the whole COVID situation and being in a classroom setting, please contact your Training Coordinator for options.

The COVID Pandemic has created a ripple in classroom training sessions. We would like to make sure all the Apprentices are clear on how this break in training will affect the duration of their apprenticeship. Our main governing agency, California Department of Apprenticeship Standards, recognizes the pandemic as an unforeseen/unprecedented event, but all the minimum requirements still apply to reach the level of journeyman. The highlights of these requirements are a minimum of 1080 classroom training hours, 9000 on the job hours, and any trade specific certifications. If a student has further questions on how their individual training path has been affected, please reach out to your trade specific Training Coordinator.

UA Local 342 JATC will be following/monitoring guidelines issued by the County, State, CAL/OSHA, and California Community Colleges Chancellors Office as training sessions start January 2021.

Training Center Guidelines

Interior:	Face coverings	Temperature checks	Refrain from gathering in hallways
	Hand sanitizer	Stay home if you're sick	No sharing of tools
	Wash hands often	Avoid touching your face	Tool sanitation procedures in shops-labs
	Social distancing		Breakrooms/common areas will remain closed

Outside/Parking Lot: If you are outside and not engaged in a training session, we still encourage you to wear your face covering and/or to social distance when near others.

We will be continuing with the below preventive measures:

- Hard surfaces will be wiped down daily and between day/night classes
- Janitorial staff will be present during all class sessions; wiping down common areas
- Sanitation stations (hand sanitizer) will be located at all entrances, classrooms, and throughout the buildings
- Temperature check-in stations/questionnaires

We understand these are different times. The intent of these guidelines is to keep everyone safe, while working within the guidelines, to continue the process of apprenticeship training sessions. Again, we really appreciate everyone's patience, cooperation, and the strong finish for 2020.

Please do not hesitate to talk with your Training Coordinator if there is an issue, open communication is very important as we start the new semester. Looking forward to a strong January 2021 start!

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