

COVID-19 Update

Invite your Friends, Join Us Too!

VEA is proud to support the work of SW WA Works Together, a collaboration among local unions to elevate the needs of working people and support their organizing efforts. In solidarity with essential workers during this crisis, please invite your friends who serve in essential worker jobs and join us for the Town Hall yourself this Wednesday, 5/20 at 6 PM. Register using [this link](#).

Essential Workers of SW Washington!



Learn how to organize and WIN on May 20th:

- safer working conditions on the job
- personal protective gear from employers
- earn hazard pay in your paycheck

**Essential Workers Virtual Town Hall
Wednesday, May 20th 6 - 7:30 pm**

Student Loan Debt Webinar: Monday, 5/18 with NEA MB

After a great turnout for our first session via NEA Member Benefits, VEA is excited to host a second round of information related to federal student loan debt and how to work your way out of it!



**Federal Student Loan Debt:
May 18th from 4:30-5:30 PM.**

Learn how to take advantage of Federal Loan Forgiveness Programs and the new NEA

Student Loan Forgiveness Navigator. This will also cover the latest on federal student loans coming out of the CARES Act and the COVID-19 crisis. [RSVP here](#).



Change to VEA Email Updates

Beginning next week, VEA will be scaling back our email communications.

Thank you for continuing to check your home email for a Wednesday and Friday message each week, close to a 10 AM arrival time. Thanks also for continuing to reach out to your Building Communication Lead with any questions or concerns to answer to bring to VEA Leadership's attention.

Face Mask Drive for Essential Workers

Through our partnership with SW WA Works Together, VEA is also collaborating with several other local unions to assemble, collect, and distribute face masks to essential workers in Southwest Washington! **If you, or someone you know, has already assembled or would be willing to assemble and donate home-made masks, please encourage them to email kvannostran@washingtonea.org to support this cause!**



Donors can drop homemade face masks through the mail slot at the VEA Office (2509 Broadway Street Vancouver, WA 98663) and VEA leadership will coordinate a socially-distanced pick up/drop of masks for essential workers in need! Thank you in advance for your support of this meaningful show of gratitude!