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A letter to SEIU Local 2 janitorial contractors,

Despite the efforts of some employers to be proactive in dealing with worker safety during the current pandemic the union continues to receive complaints from workers citing serious Health and Safety issues. A few examples:

1. **Social distancing in the workplace.** Some managers have failed to institute protocols to ensure that employees are working a minimum of six feet away from co-workers, tenants and the public. In some properties workers are still congregating for breaks in small confined spaces.
2. **Equipment.** Workers have reported insufficient supplies of disposable gloves and other safety supplies such as hand sanitizer. In one instance workers were provided a single pair of disposable gloves for an entire shift.
3. **Biometrics.** Some employers are still using the biometric punch clock system or a shared sign-in binder. Both practices are unnecessary and create heightened health risks.
4. **Training.** Workers have complained that they have been asked to use new chemicals without proper training.

In order to avoid disruptions created by work refusals we are asking employers to address these concerns and redouble their efforts to ensure worker safety is the centre piece of all operating procedures.

Thank you,

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