COVID-19 BILD MEMBER UPDATE

Urgent Call on All Bild Members – Let's Help Protect Our Front Line Health Care Providers Who Are Keeping Us All Safe! Please Respond to Samir by Wednesday March 25 by 5:00pm

Dear members,

We are facing an unprecedented time in the history of the GTA and as builders, developers and trades we have a unique opportunity to help our communities by helping to keep our front line health care providers healthy and safe.

I'm sure you are all aware that N95 masks are the standard for health care providers as they assess, triage and take care of COVID-19 patients. I'm also sure that you are equally aware that these masks are in critically short supply, not just in the GTA but around the world. Coincidentally, N95 masks are also heavily used by our industry and trades. This is our opportunity to do our part and help those who are protecting us.

BILD is asking you to look into your inventories, stockpiles and to talk to your trades and suppliers to find out if you have any supply of these masks that we could donate to the COVID – 19 assessment centers set up across the GTA. These centers are: Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness, North York General Hospital Mackenzie Health (in Vaughan), Scarborough Health Network, Trillium Health Partners (Mississauga).

BILD will be setting up a drop off point this week where members and suppliers can drop off any supply of masks.

Given that there is an urgent and growing need for protective equipment I would appreciate if you could advise Samir at <u>sbakhit@bildgta.ca</u> if you are able to help out and the quantity of masks you are able to donate. Additionally, if you are able to help procure additional masks from your suppliers, we would appreciate if you could do so and advise of those details. Please advise Samir if you are able to help as of Wednesday March 25 by 5:00 pm.

A member has arranged for trucks for BILD to gather and distribute the masks. A drop of center will be established at BILD offices' parking lot on Friday March 27. Any masks gathered will be distributed amongst the GTA assessment centers based on need and as directed by local officials. We will then work with the assessment centres to coordinate delivery of these masks.

As an industry we have a history of giving back to the community and stepping up when required. Now is no different as we have the opportunity to make a world of difference. The need is urgent!

Thank you

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