

Day 3 Government Shutdown Update

Brothers and Sisters,

Unfortunately we are entering the 3rd day of the government shutdown. There are plenty of news reports circulating information about the governor's whereabouts over the weekend, and what is open and what is closed.

PANJ is not going to weigh in on who's right and who's wrong in this fight. We will weigh in on the financial well-being of our members. We know that you are ready, willing and able to work.

There is an update on Court closures on the NJ Judiciary website. The Judiciary's website is; njcourts.gov.

As of now here is what we know;

There is a special meeting scheduled for today between the Speaker of the Assembly, the Senate President and the CEO of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield. The goal of that meeting will be a new draft of the Horizon bill that Horizon could live with and that the Assembly could get behind.

The governor did call a special session at the Statehouse today for 10 am. We are hearing that there are not a lot of Legislators present at the Statehouse though.

PANJ has contacted the AOC for an updated list as to essential personnel for the next few days. You should be hearing from your Supervisor's or managers on whether you will need to report to your work location or if you will be required to be on call.

PANJ members are designated as business continuity essential employees. These are the employees whose duties and responsibilities are essential to the public health, safety or welfare in situations that may arise requiring continuation of certain operations. The need for business essential employees may vary based up on the length and nature of the business interruption.

PANJ will be filling a grievance this week to protect not only our paychecks but our contractual rights.

What we don't know;

Fortunately what we don't know has not changed since our first update.

When we will return to work. We hope that this ends quickly.

As the week progress we will continue to provide updates on what we know. Our lobbyists are at the Statehouse this week to get first-hand information directly to us. We will continue to update you through our website; panj.org and our Facebook page, Probation Association of NJ. Although this is a somber time for NJ politics we do wish you a safe and happy Fourth of July.

In Solidarity,

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