

Long Term Care Stabilization Program (\$150 - \$300 Stipend)

We have received multiple phone calls and emails regarding Gov. Sununu's Stabilization Program. We had filed the application last week (4/20/2020) and were awaiting the approval to move forward. We received that approval late yesterday afternoon (4/29/2020).

As you may know, eligible employees will receive a stipend of either \$150 or \$300 per week, depending on the number of hours worked in the week. Those that work 30+ hours are eligible for \$300 and those that work 7.5 to 29.99 hours are eligible for \$150. (ICO Payroll Program is excluded from this program).

The first week eligible for the payment is the week beginning April 19th. GSIL will be submitting Weekly Payment Certification forms after the payroll for that week has been closed. Once we receive the funds from the State, the stipends will be distributed to employees the following pay period.

Timesheets and Missed Punch Forms submitted late; after the regular weekly payroll has been processed, will not be eligible to have that time added to punches already submitted via "Advance". **For example:** you worked a total of 32 hours in a particular week. You punched in/out of your shifts via Advance but forgot to do so for one 5-hour shift. You submit a Missed Punch Form 3 days later, but it is received after payroll is processed. You would only be eligible for a \$150 stipend. The 5 hours on the Missed Punch Form will not be added on to your next week total. The State has specifically stated they are not reimbursing for late timesheet submittals or going back to prior weeks.

The best way to insure you receive the full amount of the stipend you are eligible for is to punch in/out using Advance.

These stipends are considered wages and are subject to all applicable payroll taxes. These additional wages could also affect other benefit programs you are currently enrolled in.

If you would like to "opt-out" of receiving these funds, please send written authorization to GSIL's HR Dept. at 21 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or an email to Itsantoulis@gsil.org.

GSIL will be submitting our first Weekly Payment Certification form to the State beginning **Monday, May 4th**. We will keep you posted on any changes, updates or developments as we learn of them.

If you have any questions, please give us a call in HR at 603-228-9680.



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CDC continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. We now know from [recent studies](#) that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-feet social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

CDC will make additional recommendations as the evidence regarding appropriate public health measures continues to develop.

Be Safe and Stay Healthy!!



Questions regarding the newsletter please contact Val at Vkidder@gsil.org. Eligibility concerns please contact HR. THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES

Mental Health 101

July 22nd Manchester Office
September 17th Concord Office

The trainings will be a paid (3) hour event to be held in our Concord & Manchester Offices

More information to follow!

