**Contact city leaders now! Copy and paste the email template below:**

*Email Subject: Your Leadership is Needed to Protect St Paul Workers & Their Families*

Dear Mayor Melvin Carter and/or Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

*(Your City Council Members information is below.)*

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Department Work Title and/or St Paul Constituent from WARD ?

*(You can also share your personal story of how this has and will impact you and your family).*

St. Paul city employees provide essential public services to our community. But, the current MOA is not doing enough to protect us from the COVID-19 pandemic, or the financial hardship that could result from worksite closures and medical emergencies.

1. **Paid Emergency Pandemic Leave for employees** who are ill, taking care of loved ones due to illness or school/daycare closures, or Government mandated closures. Employees should not be forced to drain existing sick or vacation accruals and employees have the right to save them for when they do fall ill or need to take time off in the future. Employees should not be forced to accrue negative sick and vacation hours as this is not a responsible and viable solution during this pandemic, and in fact further jeopardize employees’ well-being and future job stability and pay. We request the City of St. Paul provide an Emergency Leave Fund for the pandemic throughout the duration of the leave.

2. **An extension of all benefits**, including medical, throughout the Emergency Pandemic Leave to ensure no gap in coverage.

3. **An opportunity for employees who can work remotely to do so.**

4. **Closure of all services** that are not essential and payment of employees from the Emergency Pandemic Leave Fund.

5. **Distribution of cleaning supplies** and hand sanitizer to work sites that are open to aid in the containment of the virus and include personal protective equipment as needed. This includes all public buildings being cleaned and sanitized including all common areas.

6. **We request continuing conversations in ongoing meet and confers.**

We are committed to providing the critical services that St Paul residents depend on. All we ask is that the City take common-sense measures to protect workers, our families, and the people we serve.

Thank you.

(Insert Your Name)

(Department Work Title and/or St Paul Constituent Ward ?)

**CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE To MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER(S):**

Your union family needs YOU to call St. Paul leaders and demand below.

*(The Elected official information is below)*

*Use the phonescript below:*

Hello my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Department Work Title and/or St Paul Constituent from WARD ? , and I am calling to advise Mayor Carter / Council Member to do what is right for the City of St Paul workers through:

1. Paid Emergency Pandemic Leave with no cap on hours
2. All benefits including medical be extended
3. Employees who can work remotely, are allowed
4. All services that are not essential should be closed and employees paid
5. Cleaning supplies provided
6. We request continuing conversations in ongoing meet and confers.

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| **ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTACT INFORMATION** |
| **You can find who is your St. Paul City Council Member here:** [**https://bit.ly/2vEWzc1**](https://bit.ly/2vEWzc1) |
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