

Washington Companies – Family Message to Employees – COVID-19

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Larry Simkins, CEO, The Washington Companies

Hello Washington Companies colleagues, partners, officials and friends. We wanted to reach out to you during these unprecedented times with the COVID-19 circumstances that have impacted our businesses, our communities and our personal lives. Each of you continue to play an important role in the proud legacy and history of the Washington Companies over six decades.

We have built a strong foundation to weather economic challenges and we'll continue to have that foundation as we look into the future with Mr. Washington's long-term vision of success over at least three more generations. Safety in our businesses has consequences. That's why it is critical, especially during this time, that you stay healthy and return home safely.

Given the far-reaching toll of this global pandemic, I hope that the following personal messages from the Washington family provide comfort for you and your families.

Kevin Washington

Hello to each and every employee of the Washington Companies. Kevin here, on behalf of my family. I want to wish you guys the best in these trying times in the coronavirus era.

We have not seen this in our nation before, our world, nor in our companies. I understand that it is very hard on each family and an incredible tough environment to work — whether you're at home or in the field. I want to thank you for your support to the Washington Companies and

dedication in these times. This is what will make us get through this stronger as a family together.

Kyle Washington

Hello everybody. For those of you that I haven't met, I'm Kyle Washington, Chairman of the Canadian Washington Companies. I just want to take this brief opportunity to say how proud I am of all of you for delivering the essential goods and services that are required.

Hopefully we're doing this as safe as possible, and if you have any recommendations or feel that you're working unsafe, please reach out to me directly and/or your Human Resources Department. These are trying times for sure, and we're all feeling it, but I think in the rearview mirror when we get done with this, we'll all be very proud of how we executed in this environment. Good luck. Stay safe. Bye for now.

Phyllis J. Washington

It is a difficult time that we are handling in many different ways, but oh so similar ways. It is easy to say use this time to learn something new, read a book, clean the closet, listen better to your spouse. But better yet, it's better to laugh together, even if it's over dumb iPhone jokes. We will be stronger and more unified because of this universal virus and challenging financial times.

Americans have overcome many hardships and hard work with perseverance. This is the time to believe and have trust in our leaders, our doctors, our scientists, innovators and caregivers for the future wellness. I believe that if we all try to use the power of prayer in the quietude of ourselves or joining with our families, that God will give us strength to endure and this too shall pass.

So, as mother of Washingtons, I'm sending to your families love, and stay safe.

Dennis Washington

Hello everyone. I'd like to take this moment and tell everyone at all levels of employment in the Washington Companies how much the Washington family appreciates your hard work and dedication to your jobs.

It only strengthens my resolve that I've always felt that if you can put together a group of hardworking, dedicated people, then you would have a very successful company that would survive through tough times. This, what you have been doing now, and the fact that we've been doing this now for 55 years, really shows that this company will be going long after I'm gone, and it will go through several generations. And I certainly hope that some of your children will be involved in the companies.

Again, I thank you and I want to leave you with this message from the late Reverend Dr. Schuller: 'Tough times never last, but tough people do.' God bless.

Final words

As our world experiences an unprecedented turn of events, one thing is not changing — the importance of what we do. Our determination to keep providing products and services that are essential to the world, while doing it safely and efficiently, is as strong as ever. It takes every one of us to make that happen. We will get through this and we will do it together. That's the Washington way.