

Dear MCCC member:

We have been fighting for health care for all MCCC-represented community college employees for years now—at the bargaining table, in the legislature, and even in the courts. One of the cornerstones of the Cherish Act is to achieve equity in pay and benefits throughout all of public higher ed. Many of our colleagues who are un-insured or under-insured have come forward to testify at legislative hearings, and sharing those stories has raised the awareness of legislators about this problem.

Today we are faced with a health care emergency, and we are demanding emergency action by the Governor and the legislature.

Senator Gobi has filed legislation that would immediately extend health care to adjuncts, so it's more important than ever to raise our voices and concerns to representatives and help build the momentum that will push this through. We are going to need robust, member-driven action in order to win emergency healthcare.

The federal CARES Act allocates millions of dollars for higher education, including funding that is at the Governor's discretion to spend on addressing the COVID-19 crisis in Massachusetts.

Will you join us in taking action to demand emergency health care coverage for adjuncts?

There are two ways you can help:

1. **Send the [Action Network message calling for Emergency Action for Health Care](#)** — be sure to personalize this with your own reasons for calling for health care. NOTE: Please use your *personal* email address when signing on to the Action Network petition
2. Participate in our **health care outreach**: volunteers and staff will be calling our members to take a census of the true need for health care coverage. This will provide real-time data to elected officials, and also help identify members who are willing to share their story publicly.

We are starting with two options for virtual trainings: Wednesday, May 6th from 3-4pm or Thursday, May 7th from 9-10am. Please email cfitzpatrick@massteacher.org for more information on how to participate in this important campaign.

Here again is the link to the Action Network petition, please share far and wide and remember to use your personal email when signing on: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/emergency-action-for-health-care-in-mass-higher-ed>

You can visit [the MCCC website](#) to learn about the agreements we've reached in COVID-19 bargaining to try to keep our members and students safe, and the [MTA Website for additional resources on COVID-19](#).

Thank you for taking action!

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