

## 2020 Workers Memorial Day

*Commemoration ideas during the COVID-19 pandemic*

- Organize an online campaign to call for stronger safety and health protections.
- Do a workplace solidarity action by wearing a local union shirt or other USW gear.
- Hold a virtual candlelight vigil.
- Fly the flag at half-staff for the day and lay a wreath at the flag pole or plant entry.
- Host a phone call or webinar with elected officials in your districts.
- Create a photo campaign on social media to remember workers who have been killed on the job, and lift up the memory of their lives.
- Pre-record/film your local union message for your workplace events.
- Share your local union workers memorial messages on the local union website and social media.
- Use workplace monitors to play continuous workers memorial material that your local has developed.
- Have a workers memorial message broadcasted on designated frequency over workplace radios at times so all members can participate.
- Have a moment of silence across the workplace at the start of each shift.
- Work with your employer to have rotating relief times to take part in Workers Memorial Day events while maintaining social distancing.
- Keep groups small to maintain CDC recommendations for social distance.
- If you are working during the pandemic, organize an event at your workplace (while maintaining social distancing) to stand together to protect all workers' right to a safe job, and to hold your employer accountable for keeping you safe.
- Request employers to donate needed PPE to local hospitals/first responders.
- Notify the press and invite them to your virtual Workers Memorial Day events to increase public awareness of the dangers workers face on the job.
- Use and share resources such as <https://www.usw.org/act/activism/health-safety-and-environment> (United Steelworkers Health, Safety and Environment) and <http://www.usmwf.org/> (United Support and Memorial for Workplace Fatalities) with families of members who lost their lives at the workplace.
- Come together in person as a union once this pandemic is over. As a labor movement, we mourn for the dead and fight for the living on April 28, and every day of the year.

### Works Cited

- <https://www.usw.org/act/activism/health-safety-and-environment/resources/workers-memorial-day>
- <https://aflcio.org/about-us/conferences-and-events/workers-memorial-day>