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Upcoming Events

UNION MEETINGS

The 3rd Friday  
of each month at 5:00 pm

ABQ RETIREE MEETINGS

The 2nd Tuesday  
of each month at 10:00 am

401(K) WEBINAR

Thursday, February 25, 2021  
5:00 pm (MT)



OFFICE CLOSED - 2021

May 31 Memorial Day  
July 5 Independence Day

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Local 49 Launches New Website!



Local 49 has launched a brand-new website for the new year! The site is dynamic and current, with up-to-date news and links.

Click on the picture above to create your member log-in, and gain access to forms, contracts, wage sheets and more.

In addition, **communication goes both ways**. Do you have some job site accomplishment you'd like to share? Want to give a shoutout to a Brother or Sister? Seen something awesome that other members need to know about? Or, sadly, do you need to file a report? Just log into your member account and click on the "Submit Your News" link. You can upload photos, news, articles or whatever you would like to share!

Pay dues on-line with **live payments!** Our new credit card system processes on-line payments instantly, and automatically sends an e-mail confirmation of a successful payment. If there is an issue with the payment, it will let you know that immediately also.

You now have **one stop shopping**, with links to all benefit funds in one place on our site. Whatever you are looking for, from health forms to the SMART job bank, just start with:

[www.smwlu49.org!](http://www.smwlu49.org!)

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) is leading the State of New Mexico's COVID-19 Vaccination Preparedness Planning in close collaboration with other state agencies, public, private and tribal partners throughout the state.

To obtain the vaccine, each of you must register on the state website here: <https://cvvaccine.nmhealth.org/>

Local 49 NM active members are categorized as Phase 1C. Phases 1A & B are currently eligible to receive vaccines. It is important that you are already registered when 1C is opened up so you can be contacted right away for your appointment. Click on the link above or the picture below to register, and for current information.



**Texas** also has Phase 1A & B in progress. Click this link to find your Texas provider and get scheduled for your appointment: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>

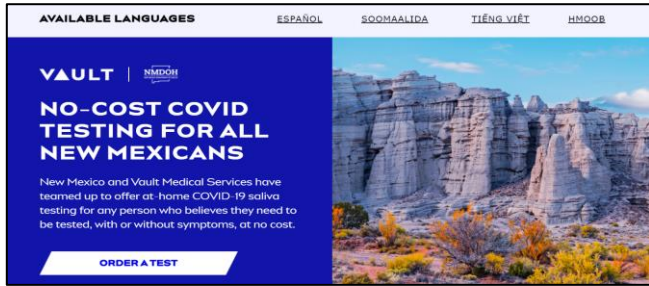


**Please remember to update the Hall regarding your contact info and work/ furlough status, so we can verify benefits for you!**

# COVID-19 Home Test

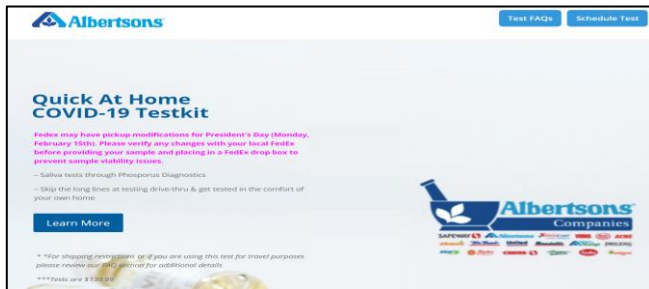
Home tests are now available at the following websites:

## New Mexico



<https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nm/>

## Texas



<https://scheduletest.com/>

Texas test will be reimbursed by the Health Fund for members with eligibility.

# SASMI Underemployment and COVID-19 Benefit

If you are SASMI eligible and did not work at least 750 hours from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, you may apply for a supplemental un/underemployment benefit. You will need to submit copies of your unemployment payments for the period, and your W-2s for 2020 with the application. The deadline for SASMI to receive these applications is March 31, 2021. Contact the Hall for an application at (505) 266-5878.

SASMI is also offering a COVID-19 benefit of two weeks pay for eligible members who have to quarantine because they or someone in their household have tested positive for COVID. This must be applied for on-line at [www.sasmi.org](http://www.sasmi.org).



# JSM Certification CE Classes

The Local 49 JATC has scheduled the next CE classes as follows:

**Fri., June 4, 2021**      **UMC Code Class**  
**Sat., June 5, 2021**      **Supervisory Training**

Class times are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to take on-line courses in the meantime, click the following link for the list of courses approved by PSI.

[NM PSI Approved Courses](#)

If you have questions, you may call:

SMART Local 49 JATC      (505) 242-4262  
 PSI      (877) 663-9267

# TABB Certification Renewal Classes

ITI/NEMIC/SMOHIT online courses, including the courses needed for TABB certification renewal, can be found by [clicking here](#).



## Congrats to our newly Retired!

Congratulations to our retired members – here is a list of member retirements not yet reported:

- Rivera, Richard ..... 11/01/2020
- Dowdy, Rick ..... 11/01/2020
- Marquez, Jaime ..... 12/01/2020

## In Memory of

Please take a moment to remember our Brothers who have recently passed away.

- Robert E. Hodgson ..... 12/13/2020
- Lee Sharpnack ..... 01/08/2020

## Health and Dental Benefit Increases

Over the past year the Trustees of the SMART Local 49 Family Health Plan have implemented several amendments to the plan. These amendments increase the benefits available to you substantially, including the following:

### Short Term Disability Benefit

Effective January 1, 2021 the short-term disability benefit is increased from \$200 to \$400 per week.

### Dental Implant Coverage

Effective January 1, 2021 dental implants (a surgical procedure involving the insertion into the bone of the jaw a screw that serves as an artificial root to support a dental prosthesis) will be a covered procedure subject to a separate annual maximum of \$1,500. This means coverage for dental implants will not impact the current annual maximum of \$1,500 that normally applies to other basic services, such as diagnostic, preventive, major, oral surgery, endodontics and periodontics. Please note that this separate \$1,500 annual maximum is exclusively for dental implants and cannot be used for other dental services.

### Dietitian/Nutrition Counseling

Effective May 22, 2020, Dietitian/nutrition counseling is payable when services are provided by a registered dietitian, to a maximum of three (3) visits per person per year, subject to the deductible and coinsurance provisions of the Plan. This visit limit does not apply to nutritional counseling services that are medically necessary for the treatment of an individual diagnosed with a mental health or substance abuse condition, such as an eating disorder.

### Loss of Eligibility

Effective May 22, 2020, the period of time a member can be without eligibility before having to meet the 500 hour initial eligibility requirement again is increased from four (4) months to six (6) months.

### LASIK Eye Surgery

Effective April 1, 2020, the plan will cover laser eye surgery performed by a laser eye surgeon or an ophthalmologist up to \$1,000 per eye per lifetime.



## Member PPE Mailing



All members should have received another SMOHIT mask, 5 filters and 4 new Local 49 hardhat stickers in the mail over the past few weeks. Please remember to keep up safe COVID -19 practices!



Contact the office to update your e-mail address and cell phone and **opt in** for the Local 49 texts!

## New T-Shirts & Gaiters

We will have new neck gaiters in stock for members by the end of February, and new t-shirts by the end of March.



## Electronic "Rivet"

Going forward, we will be distributing the Rivet by e-mail to all members for whom we have an e-mail address. Make sure we have your current e-mail!

Also look for the Rivet on the website home page: [www.smwlu49.org](http://www.smwlu49.org) and on our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/SMARTLU49](https://www.facebook.com/SMARTLU49)

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## 401k Informational Webinar

**Join us on our webinar and learn more  
 about your 401k Plan**

The Sheet Metal Workers Local 49 Defined Contribution Plan can play a big part in helping you meet your retirement goals. Plan to attend the upcoming webinar meeting to learn more about the plan and how you can make the most of this important benefit!

**Why join our webinar?**

The meeting will cover the following:

- How the Plan works
- Overview of Plan investment options
- Using the website and other resources

**Webinar information**

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021  
 Time: 5:00 p.m. (MT)/ 6:00 p.m. (CT)

**To join the Webinar:**

- Click the link from the email sent to you regarding the meeting
- Click the link or type the following url address into your browser: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/937175237>

You may listen to the presentation through the speakers on your computer or call in at  
 +1(646) 749-3122 Access Code: 937-175-237

**CAN'T MAKE IT?** Submit questions here: [www.smwlu49.org/webinar-questions](http://www.smwlu49.org/webinar-questions)





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