

Update Regarding Secretary Walsh's Confirmation Vote

Dear All,

Thank you for your continued hard work and service.

Today, March 22nd, the Senate voted to confirm Marty Walsh as the next U.S. Secretary of Labor, and I can think of no one more ready, nor more suited, for the job.

While I anticipate that many of you may be excited to meet Secretary Walsh once sworn-in, it is of the utmost importance that we all strictly adhere to the [DOL COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#). Following guidance from the White House and public health experts, we are maintaining the Department's maximum telework posture. At this time, all DOL employees who are telework eligible are expected to telework, unless approved by a supervisor to perform onsite work essential for business needs. Therefore, no additional staff should be coming into the Frances Perkins Building and other DOL work places, unless it was previously approved by your supervisor as essential for business needs. When performing approved onsite work, employees and contractors must continue to follow all DOL, CDC, and OSHA guidance, such as wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing. The health and safety of employees and contractors in the workplace is a top priority, and part of our shared responsibility.

Upon being sworn-in, Secretary Walsh will spend his first few days listening, learning, and leading. He will be speaking with America's front-line workers, labor organizations, and industry leaders from across the country. He is also eager to hear from you all and share his vision for the DOL, so please be on the lookout for an email from the Secretary himself after his official swearing-in.

Sincerely,

Dan Koh

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