COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS NOTICE

April 22, 2020

To reduce the spread of the COVID-19/Coronavirus, the West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Board has implemented the following guidelines:

Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of public safety, **Grievance Board offices are temporarily closed to all grievance parties**. However, Grievance Board staff are available by phone, 304-558-3361 and email, WVGB@WV.GOV to answer questions related to grievances.

On March 20, 2020, due to the threat to public safety, the Grievance Board directed Chief Administrators to cancel all scheduled level one grievance conferences and hearings until further notice from the Grievance Board. The Grievance Board continued to accept new filings of grievances.

Since that time, the Grievance Board has received a typical number of new grievance filings, which is creating a backlog of grievances, and agencies have now had an opportunity to implement procedures to allow work to proceed under the current restrictions of Executive Order No. 9-20.

Effective immediately, Chief Administrators or their designees, at their sole discretion, may conduct grievance conferences and hearings if the parties mutually agree to proceed and the proceeding can be conducted entirely remotely by either telephone or video conferencing. Timeframes set by the West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Procedure, W.Va. Code § 6C-2-1 et seq. and the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Board, W.Va. Code St. R. § 156-1-1 et seq., remain suspended per Executive Order Nos. 7-20, 10-20, and 11-20.

Thank you,

WV Public Employees Grievance Board