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September 18, 2020

To Local 1010 Members:

Sisters and Brothers,

Here in Northwest Indiana, we must continue to fight the COVID-19 Pandemic as the Corona Virus data is not looking much better. Earlier this week, the state reported 2 new COVID-19 deaths in Lake County bringing the total to 251 just in Lake County. There were over a dozen new deaths recorded across Indiana, bringing the state's total to nearly 2,600. Even this data is incomplete because of all the reported data lags behind and is considered provisional and subject to change as more information continues to be reported to the state. There were 87 new positive cases reported Tuesday in Lake County for a total of 5,764, 15 in Porter County for a total of 891, 10 in LaPorte County for a total of 639, and six in Jasper County for a total of 142. Newton County's case count remained at 101 on Tuesday. The data shows that this Coronavirus is still a major threat to our families' lives and health.

Consistent with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, we have in plant recommendations on social distancing, wearing of masks, and daily self-monitoring. It is to our own and our families benefit to follow safe practices at home, in public and at work. We are all affected by the health and wellbeing of each other. Let's do our best to support each other and our families by adhering to CDC recommendations regarding the prevention of spreading COVID-19!

According to management, there are just a few changes to the operations for the Week of September 20th Operations:

- Our Riverdale Facility will continue production with operations at 4 crews. Coming soon to Riverdale is a planned maintenance outage which is scheduled for October.
- At Indiana Harbor East (IHE), overall operations will be at the same production levels for the week of September 20th. According to IHE Management, #4 Steel Production, 80" Hot Strip Mill, #3 Cold Strip facilities including the 29 Temper Mill, #5 Pickle Line, and 80" Tandem will maintain operations. The #3 CAL Line is scheduled to run next week and continue on its rotation based on order and substrate availability. The 80" Hot Strip Mill will transition back to 4 operating crews next week. We still do not know for how long it will run at 4 crews, but obviously it is a good sign for all of us. We will keep everyone in the loop if we have any more information regarding operational changes.

**MTM/MTE Ramsay On-line Testing** will be done through the month of September due to Covid-19 and social distancing. Call Amy at (219) 399-4760 to schedule your test. See attached link

<http://usw1010.org/images/Ramsay%20Test%20September%202020.pdf> for details. Call Local 1010 Training Coordinator, Andres Maldonado at (219)742-3350 with any questions.

**Highmark is offering up to two reusable face masks to members to help slow the spread of the Coronavirus.** 1010 Members may request the masks through Highmark's website and the link for requesting masks is: <https://healthyliving.highmarkhealthplan.com/>

**Please note that our Health Awareness Initiative (HAI) benefit has been revised for 2020** due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The new HAI form is posted on the USW Local 1010 Website at <http://usw1010.org/images/HAI2020R.pdf>. The 2020 HAI verification and letter detailing the 2020 deadline extensions and the 2021 deadline change were mailed out to all members. Also, **Open Enrollment Health Care Booklets** will be arriving soon to our homes. Please review these Health Care Booklets as they have important **HealthCare Benefits Information**. Any questions please call Local 1010 Benefits Representatives Ernie Barrientez, Terra Samuel, or Kevin Bracket at 219-937-7784 ext. 117 or ext. 112.

**Help JobLink be the best it can be.** How? Complete this short survey.

If you complete it and give us your payroll number, you will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Visa gift card. We'll choose three lucky winners and you could be one!

Just click on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQWPYJT>

The survey will be open until 10/10. Only one entry per participant.

**JobLink** has live and online classes as well as some classes in person onsite.

See JobLink on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/BKJobLink/photos/a.415211498544234/3369275076471180/?type=3&theater>

See Fall 2020 Live Streamed Classes, Live and Online Classes here:

<http://usw1010.org/bulletins.html>

As we look out for each other, be safe at work and at home. Remember our members and families that are experiencing health issues, keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**If you have any COVID related issues please contact your department Safety/Grievance** representatives for resolution. If those issues cannot be solved at the department level, please contact the Local 1010 Safety Committee. All contacts are at this link <http://usw1010.org/safetydirectory.html>.

In Solidarity, Steve