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To Local 1010 Members:

December 31st, 2020

Sisters and Brothers,

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tomorrow the New Year will ring in without the usual fanfare that we have all been accustomed to in our lifetimes. Whether you usually stay home with family and friends, attend a party, go out to enjoy dinner and dancing or just sit at home and watch the big ball drop. Nothing will be the same.

2020 came in with hope and prosperity on everyone's mind but quickly turned into the deadliest pandemic in current history and changed the American way of life. The way we work, socialize, play, learn, teach, attend meetings, Dr. appointments, and countless other activities have all been changed due to this terrible disease. Here at Cliffs we are considered essential workers and are expected to work unless you become ill or are exposed to someone who tests positive. Cliffs has expressed its desire to have employees' temperatures taken on a daily basis to fill out a short survey before reporting to work, but details and rollouts have not yet been forthcoming. All of us, as a Union family, have been impacted by COVID either through knowing a co-worker that has/had it or been exposed due to close contact. Personally our families have been impacted by the sickness of loved ones or loss of them. If not for the precautions that we take both personally and professionally, the toll would have been much greater.

Here in Indiana according to The Advisory Level the number of counties in the RED ZONE nearly doubled this week. 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. Please stay the course until the vaccine is available and used for all who desire to do so.

The message for 2021 is simple, Peace, Prosperity, Health, and Happiness to all members of the United Steelworkers and their families!

**Notice:** We now have to call a company named PIVOT to report their positive case instead of HR. The PIVOT number is (916)382-8770

**MTM/MTE Ramsay On-Line Testing** will be done through the month of January due to COVID and social distancing. Call Amy at (219) 399-4760 to schedule your test. See attached link <http://usw1010.org/images/rjt21.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://healthyiving.highmarkhealthplan.com/> If you have difficulties with the link you may also order your masks by calling Highmark Customer Service @ 866-267-3280.

**All 2020 completed Wellness forms must be submitted to Highmark no later than 1/15/21.**The 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 was also mailed out to all members. Any questions please call Local 1010 Benefits Representatives Ernie Barrientez or Kevin Brackett at 219-937-7784 ext. 117 or ext. 112.

**JobLink has live and online classes as well as some classes in person onsite. As usual, a reminder that Joblink closed on December 17, 2020 and will reopen on January 4, 2021.** 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>

**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,

Don Seifert