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Fellow Members-

Once again I am writing and informing you that there was a positive test in the facility, actually two. One was a contract driver that had been out for the fourteen days and failed to even notify the USPS until he was cleared to return to work. Luckily, we dodged any infections from that person. The second one, which was announced yesterday, is a front office person who is simply domiciled here. In my estimation, there is miniscule to zero threat to the work floor from that infection. The employee uses a separate entrance, a separate bathroom, and doesn't ever come into our work floor or common areas. This employee has not been in the building since March 25th. Hopefully knowing the full facts will help ease some of the stress that is out there. As always, if you have questions you can get in touch with me or ask a steward and they will get in touch with me.

For how much of a dog and pony show goes on each time there is a positive test, I will give management one accolade. They are starting to at least listen to what the Unions have to say, maybe not necessarily always acting on it but at least listening. The higher levels are actually starting to include us in conversations and are engaging the Unions at all levels. It has only taken how long for some people to figure out that there might be alternatives to the wrong ways of doing things?

While the USPS still seems to be in its early stages of preparation and procedures for this pandemic, the workers continue to show up and risk their well-being as well as that of their families. More people are returning to work now after the initial positive test and the understandable concern that it raised, but I'm sure that there will be more positive tests because this doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon. The best thing that we can do is remain vigilant for ourselves and those around us, but we also need to be understanding, supportive, and united. We do provide very important services for the customers and we should be proud of the work we do, but it is very important that we also remember that the people we work with are in the same boat as us. As I said last posting, treat others the way that you wish to be treated.

There are many new agreements and policies coming out in light of the COVID19 pandemic. Please see the bulletin board or the Local or National websites to read them and to keep up on the latest news. The policies and agreements include the liberal leave policy, the additional leave for MHAs agreement, and the Families First Coronavirus

Response Act. Read up and if you have any questions, be sure to ask and I will have or get an answer.

As you probably guessed, the bowling event is cancelled. Hopefully, everything will be somewhat normal by August 29th for the Picnic.

Don't forget to send in your ballots to vote for the delegates for the National Convention in Colorado. This is an important event, as it helps to shape the National Constitution and it includes the elections of the National Executive Board.

Finally, congratulations to Bob Bogdan on his retirement. We wish Bob health and longevity and thank him for his service to the customers and to the country with his postal and military service.

Stay United, Stay Strong, & Stay Safe-

Sean