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BARGAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

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• 1 WEEK LAYOFF INFORMATION

All laid off members must open an unemployment claim with the State of Indiana, between Sunday, July 25th, 2021 and Saturday, July 31st, 2021. You have until 8:59 EST, Saturday, July 31st, but please do not wait that long. Unemployment claims can only be submitted electronically at www.in.gov/dwd/unemployment. If you have questions or you are not sure how to answer or do not understand, call the Indiana Unemployment Call Center in Indianapolis, 800-891-6499 for assistance. You may also file at any Indiana Work One center if you do not have a computer. You must have an active e-mail address. It is recommended that you log into the unemployment site and review/watch the tutorials which walk you through the process. If you have filed in Indiana before, type in your user name and password and click “sign on”. Otherwise, if this is your first time, click on “New User Registration” and complete your information and then open a new claim. After the first week, you must log back in on or after Sunday August 1st, 2021 and “File A Weekly Claim”. But remember, you only have until Saturday, August 7th, 2021 at 8:59PM. In the event there is additional time off, you will repeat this process until you return to work.

If you have unemployment benefits in another state since recently transferring to FWA from another state such as Ohio, you must file for the benefits from that state until they are exhausted before filing in Indiana.

Every Fort Wayne Assembly employee that is laid off should file for unemployment for week of July 26th – August 1st, 2021

• UNEMPLOYMENT WAITING WEEK WAIVED

We have received confirmation that the customary waiting week has been waived for all applicants who file for unemployment in the state of Indiana. We have also been informed that there is a \$300 stimulus payment for people on layoff from now through September 4th, 2021. Here is a link provided to us by General Motors Layoff Benefits that will be helpful with answering questions regarding new claims and Federal program monies:

https://www.in.gov/dwd/files/Indiana_Unemployment_FAQ.pdf

How does this affect you as you file claims for sub pay and what do I do? Members starting a new unemployment benefit period must first enter the “**set up your monetary determination**” information which is your **Benefit begin date**, **WBA weekly benefit amount** and **MBA Maximum benefit amount**. Then click on “Apply for a Weekly Benefit” and click on August 1st, 2021. If you are sub eligible, you will still answer

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yes to the question, “have you or will you receive sub pay” when you file your unemployment claim. On Sunday, August 1st, 2021, if you filed your unemployment claim correctly, you will receive confirmation or a check for \$390 that has been deposited in your account for unemployment. To keep it as simple as we can, to avoid confusion and everyone gets paid correctly, just remember this... **You cannot apply for sub until your unemployment payment is deposited on your debit card or in your direct deposit account. Period.** Your unemployment check is the only thing that can validate your sub pay benefit. If you file for unemployment incorrectly and don’t receive it, but still file for sub and receive a sub check, they will revoke your sub benefits take it back from you at a later date.

● **SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (SUB PAY)**

In Progression and Traditional Full-Time members, with a minimum of one year and one day seniority, placed on layoff, beginning July 26th, 2021, are eligible to apply for SUB. Flex, Temps, and new In-Progression members with less than one year and one day seniority are not eligible.

After receiving confirmation from your State Department of Unemployment that you served a state system waiting week, in the case of members opening a claim for a new benefit year, or that you received (were paid) a regular weekly unemployment benefit, THEN apply for SUB for week ending August 1st, 2021 by logging into layoffbenefits.com by following the instructions below or calling “VRU” at 800-489-4646.

- **layoffbenefits.com**
- **click on the GM logo**
- **Click on my layoff benefits**
- **Enter Social Security number**

Members starting a new unemployment benefit period must first enter the “**Set up Your Monetary Determination**” information which is your **Benefit Begin Date**, **WBA Weekly Benefit Amount** and **MBA Maximum Benefit Amount**. Then click on “**Apply for a Weekly Benefit**” and click on August 1st, 2021.

● **IMPORTANT “WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION”**

You must be unemployment eligible to be SUB eligible. There has been language in the SUB agreement for many years called “Willful Misrepresentation”, which means when you file for SUB and answer “yes” to either the question that records indicate, you served a state system waiting week, or “yes” to the question that asks if you received (were paid) a state unemployment weekly benefit of \$390” (example of Indiana weekly rate) and did not because of a mistake or failure to file on time and do not have proof on your state employment your benefits paid will be recovered by the Company and you will be disqualified for the duration of that lay off period. Either wait to file until the issue is resolved for that week or answer “no”. You may have to file a manual SUB form if there is a problem with your first week, contact your benefit reps.

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