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Hello from Holli

Greetings UAW 2209 Family

We hope everyone is staying safe and well. Maintaining social distancing is important and is the only means to reduce the possibility of infection. It is not just the risk the virus can inflict on you but your loved ones too. There will be time later to enjoy life and safely. ***Our new return to work date is April 20, 2020.***

The Union Hall will continue to be closed until further notice.

Indiana Stay-at-Home Order Extended

Governor Holcomb extended the stay-at-home order to Monday, April 20th, at 11:59 p.m. If it doesn't improve it will likely be extended again.

Unemployment Compensation

International UAW and your UAW Local 2209 Leadership are working hard to provide support and the information you need. We ask for your patience during this situation.

Keep in mind that the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was just signed on March 27th. Indiana and the other states were all waiting on the federal government to provide the guidelines ***providing \$600 per week of additional unemployment compensation.***

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development on Monday, April 6th announced that the \$600 benefit will start being paid out to workers on April 20. Payments will be retroactive to your date of unemployment.

6.6 million have filed for their first week of unemployment benefits in the week ending March 28th. During the same week in 2019 it was only 183,775 initial claims. In Indiana it was 126,223 new claims

compared to 28,000 during the 2007-09 Great Recession.

Providing SUB pay without creating additional complications is another concern. Please follow the current instructions as provided by your leadership until otherwise instructed.

We understand the frustration that many have and again ask for your patience.

Indiana Primary Election

The primary has been postponed to Tuesday, June 2. All Hoosiers will be allowed to vote by absentee ballot via mail. We are encouraging all members and their family to vote by mail.

In Allen County only 37 of the 116 original voting locations are available on June 2nd. The other polling places consist of nursing homes or churches that are concerned about the epidemic. And other polling places have other events planned. Then there are the election workers which consist mostly of seniors. Putting them at risk would be wrong.



An Absentee Ballot Application can be downloaded from **indianavoters.com** or requested by calling your County Clerk's office or Election Board. In Allen County the phone is **260-449-7329**. Completed applications can be mailed, emailed or faxed. When emailing the completed form can be scanned or a clear photo can be sent to **acebab@allencounty.us** for Allen County voters.

Contact information for the Election Board (County Clerk) can be found by checking your voter registration at **indianavoters.com**. Once you have accessed your registration record click on Contact Information.

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Social Media Resources

Text Messaging System – Members can text **2209 to 82149** to receive text messages. An enrollment form will be generated to fill out and send.

Communication from Holli (Facebook Group) – Every attempt is made to post information in a timely manner when it is received. If you are not currently part of this group you can request to join. Please remember to answer the questions to help confirm you are a member. The questions are only that a UAW 2209 member would know related to work and UAW 2209.

There is also a new Facebook called GM Fort Wayne Assembly. Current employees only, (no retirees). Employees can find it on Facebook and request to join. You need to answer the 3 questions so it can be verified by Stephanie Jentgen.

Stimulus Check Scams

Be alert to anyone attempting to sign you up for the stimulus checks for \$1,200 each, plus \$500 per child. Any call, text, or email asking for personal details or money in order to get your stimulus check is a scam. Don't fall for it. The federal government already has the information they need.

Gratitude

For the members and their families that are on the frontline during this time. We thank you! For the members and their families across the state and the country on the frontline working in the essential jobs. We thank you!

Resources in the community

Communityharvest.org to get the lists of food banks in the community and their times in case their hours have changed.

In Solidarity,

