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Greeting brothers and sisters,

I want to let you know that your local officers and stewards are at work every day, and our priority is your safety. Our doors at 20530 Southfield Rd. Detroit, Michigan 48235 are open daily and that will continue throughout this pandemic.

At this point the District Manager has said that we are an essential government service. However, as of yesterday I was told employees that wish to remain at home in accordance with state or local directives can request the use of leave in accordance with applicable postal policies and other federal laws.

Management is supposed to provide the mask, wipes, hand sanitizer and gloves for all employees. I understand these items are on back order. I also understand that mask and gloves should be at all the facilities.

The local was notified yesterday that our District has 2 confirmed cases. One is at Seven Oaks Station and the other is at Bloomfield station that belongs to 480/481 APWU Local. I will do my best to keep you informed as the confirmed cases are communicated to the local.

I believe the confirmed cases are being told to us late. Therefore, I believe that we must do everything we can to protect ourselves. No one has the right to put your life in danger and no one can hold you captive if you want to go home.

Please do not remain or act from a place of fear. Because fear can't and will not allow you to get understand. However, peace will give us understand and the ability to plan and overcome this pandemic, so fear not. This too will pass. God bless you all and your families. Name by name and need by need.

Respectfully

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