May 13, 2020

To: Local Presidents
Regional Directors
National Executive Board

Fr: Charles R. Manago CEM
Contract Administration Representative

Re: USPS delivers Mandatory Stand-Up Talk Proof of Concept Temperature Test to be Conducted in Two Postal Districts.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Please find enclosed a copy of the above-referenced document from the Postal Service regarding a mandatory Stand-up Talk concerning Proof of Concept Temperature Test to be Conducted in Two Postal Districts.

According to the Postal Service, while the acceptance, processing and delivery of the nation’s mail and packages has continued through the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the Postal Service is preparing for the possibility of establishing some new work procedures while the pandemic persists.

This includes evaluating potential new processes and procedures to continue protecting your health and safety and that of our customers.

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Having your temperature taken as part of these proof of concept tests will be voluntary. Data from the proof of concept tests will be used to evaluate the temperature-taking system and to determine the feasibility of expanding the use of these employee temperature taking processes to other Postal Facilities.

To protect employees’ privacy, no health data will be collected or maintained during the proof of concept tests. If an employee has a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher during the proof of concept test, that
person will be informed about the temperature reading in private and will be sent home for their own and others’ safety. If an employee is sent home, they will be provided either existing Employee Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) or administrative leave.

As always, your health and well-being are a top priority for the Postal Service.

Please review the attached enclosures and disseminate as you deem appropriate. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Contract Administration Department.

cc: Paul V. Hogrogian, National President
    Michael J. Hora, National Secretary-Treasurer
    Teresa L. Harmon, Manager CAD
Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

PROOF OF CONCEPT TEST SITES ONLY

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