

WHY ARE WE NOT WEARING MASKS?

For almost the entire period that this COVID-19 virus has been in the USA, I have been participating in telecons on a daily basis in districts across the eastern region. The prevailing subject matter has been the safety and health of our members. Liberal leave, admin, gloves, masks, disinfectant, cleanings, social distancing, sneeze guards, etc. The unions are pushing for every possible safety measure to be utilized. Most have been instituted.

Having masks available has been one of the biggest issues across the country. We have them, yet many people are not wearing them. I can't understand the reason for this and have reached out to people asking the logic. It's a Pennsylvania State mandate; it is a USPS safety policy; it is recommended by the CDC, WHO, and virtually all medical professionals; it is encouraged by our political leaders in Washington D.C.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE wear a mask when you are on the workfloor AND make sure that you remain at least 6 feet away from others whenever possible. Wearing the mask is not only for your safety, it is mainly for the safety of those around you. You cannot 100% know that you are not COVID19 positive, even if you are symptom-free. Even if you're willing to roll the dice and take your chances with your own health, it is not up to you to roll the dice for your coworkers and their families. WEAR A MASK. Thank you!

Stay safe and sanitized, *Chack Camp* President, APWU Local #7048