



**WASH HANDS
AND STAY
AT LEAST 6
FEET APART**

14 NDC COVID-19 CASES CONFIRMED

We have now reached 14 cases of confirmed COVID-19 infections at the Philadelphia NDC. The numbers are rising but hopefully we are at or over the top of the curve. Only time will tell if that is the case. By now everyone in the facility should be wearing a mask every day, with the only exception being for those with medical conditions with prevent the person from be able to safely wear the mask. In those cases in which a person is not wearing a mask, please make sure to keep the social distance of AT LEAST 6 feet from that person, although I recommend staying even further away from maskless coworkers, managers, contractors, etc. The message that I have been emphasizing from the start still applies; look out for your own safety at all times, and assume that whoever and whatever you are around is infected. It is nearly impossible to be 100% successful in not touching your face before washing your hands but we must be as vigilant as we can, as often as we can.

Some of the side effects of this pandemic include the postponement of the State and National APWU Conventions. At some point they are expected to be held even if they have to be in a revised format. Also, the new pay rates took effect in PP9-2020 and will be reflected in May 1st pay checks. The retroactive pay will be forthcoming but we do not have a projected date as today. These will take longer than normal based on current issues related to COVID-19. The PSE conversions that will occur based on the new CBA will take effect on May 9, 2020. All seven of the newly converted FTR Clerks will be assigned to T-3 at the onset.

On a final note, you may have noticed that some of the stewards have been working at the hall rather than at the NDC office. This is being done to allow for social distancing for stewards since we have 3 tours, representing 3 crafts, in a narrow office. I am trying to ensure that no more than 3 people occupy the office at any time. Anyone needing a steward for any reason should ask their supervisor and the supervisor is responsible for providing a steward. If you want to call directly, use 215-671-7719, 215-671-1223 or 215-485-3026 and leave a message if you get a recording.

Stay safe and sanitized,

Chuck Camp

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