



Activity Report

a brief communication from your union

May 11, 2020

Everyone should be informed by now that we have had a positive test for COVID-19 in the plant. Every member should have received a letter from the Stephenson County Health Department. The health department is now in control of this. I think all of us realize it wasn't IF but WHEN. We continue to have a COVID team meeting every week on Thursday at 2 p.m. The COVID team is open for suggestions to talk about. We all still need to continue social distancing, washing your hands, monitor yourself for signs and symptoms and if you are sick--stay home. We can sort the absence out when you are better and if you are sick talk to your doctor and document the event. In the times we are in right now, people are on edge. Cleaning supplies are available. It makes sense to wipe down the surface in your work area that are common touching points prior to starting work. It has been implemented that if you work in close proximity (closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes) you must wear a mask. This sucks but we are going to have to do it. We have had some issues communicating if someone was sick in your area that it gets wiped down prior to it being open for workers. An individual could be sick and it isn't COVID but just the flu or allergies. We don't get results back right away. Even if they get tested, that is after the fact, is why communication is key.

Please continue to work safe. We are in this together.

*Fraternally,
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