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May Union Meetings:

Regular Monthly Business Meetings for USW Local 105 (Arconic), Local 105-1 (Bowe Machine), and Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel) have been canceled due to Covid -19.

The Executive Board meeting will be a virtual meeting at 4pm on Thursday, May 14.



May 11, 2020

Tell Congress: On and Off the Job, Workers Need Protection!

We are at an unprecedented time in our nation. While many of our members are facing mass layoffs, others are on the job or being ordered to return to work.

That's why we must work harder than ever to push Congress to enact consistent, uniform safety standards that would help slow the virus' spread and demand employer compliance.

Protecting Workers on the Job

In March, we demanded that OSHA implement an emergency, temporary infectious disease standard that would specify the steps employers must take to keep workers safe. Unfortunately, the Secretary of Labor refused.

A bill in Congress, the COVID-19 Every Worker Protection Act of 2020 (H.R. 6559), would require

OSHA to immediately issue an enforceable Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), based on CDC guidance, to protect all workers from exposure to Covid-19 in the workplace.

These measures are absolutely necessary to keep workers safe while we restart our economy.

Protecting Health Care for Those Who Have Lost Their Jobs

Over the past seven weeks, over 33 million Americans have lost their jobs - tens of thousands of Steelworkers and their family members included.

We have deep concerns that our members will not be able to afford to continue their health care during this time because of the high cost of COBRA coverage.

The Worker Health Coverage Protection Act (H.R. 6514), would provide 100 percent federal financing to cover the full cost of COBRA premiums owed by workers who have lost their jobs, who are furloughed, or who have had their hours reduced as a result of the coronavirus crisis. We know that this is also a priority for those we represent.

There are two ways you can help.

1. Click [HERE](https://bit.ly/3cpvPw3) to email your Representative and urge them to cosponsor both of these critical bills.

2. Make a quick call to urge your Representative to cosponsor these bills.

• Dial our toll-free number to the U.S. House: 866-202-5409. You will be automatically routed to your Representative's office.

• Tell the office who you are and where you are from, and ask your Representative to COSPONSOR

BOTH the Covid-19 Every Worker Protection Act of 2020 (H.R. 6559) and the Worker Health Coverage Protection Act (H.R. 6514).

We know we don't typically ask for engagement on two issues at once, but unprecedented times call for unprecedented action, especially with our members' and their families' health and safety on the line.

Please take a moment to email and call your legislators. Urge them to cosponsor both of these critical bills!

Iowa Federation of Labor 2020 Endorsed Candidates

FEDERAL CANDIDATES:

Theresa Greenfield **US SENATE**

Abby Finkenauer **Congressional District 1**

Rita Hart **Congressional District 2**

Cindy Axne **Congressional District 3**

J.D. Scholten **Congressional District 4**

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2 Ford plants in North America missing from list for reopening week of May 18. Here's why

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Ford Motor confirmed Sunday it is finalizing plans to get factory production in the U.S., Canada and Mexico up and running by the end of May.

And while pickup trucks are the most lucrative vehicles for the Dearborn automaker, Ford is committed to a full push that will have all operations underway in its most profitable part of the world by June.

In North America, Ford is calling back approximately 71,000 hourly and salaried workers during the week of May 18, with an estimated 59,300 workers returning to work in the U.S., and 5,300 in Canada and 6,775 in Mexico, said Kelli Felker, Ford global manufacturing and communications manager.

Openings during the week of May 18:

- Chicago Assembly to build Ford Explorer, Police Interceptor SUV, Lincoln Aviator
- Dearborn Truck to build Ford F-150 and F-150 Raptor
- Kansas City Assembly in Claycomo, Missouri to build Ford F-150 and Transit
- Kentucky Truck in Louisville to build Expedition, Lincoln Navigator, F-250 to F-550
- Louisville Assembly in Kentucky to build Ford Escape, Lincoln Corsair
- Michigan Assembly in Wayne to build Ford Ranger

- Ohio Assembly in Avon Lake to build Ford F-650/750, F-350/450/550 Super Duty Chassis Cab E-Series cutaway and stripped chassis
- Cuautitlan Stamping and Assembly in Cuautitlán Izcalli, Mexico, to build Ford Mustang Mach-E
- Hermosillo Stamping and Assembly in Hermosillo Sonora, Mexico, to build Ford Fusion, Police Interceptor sedan, Lincoln MKZ

Openings during the week of May 25:

- Flat Rock Assembly to build Ford Mustang, Shelby GT350 & 350R, Lincoln Continental
- Oakville Assembly in Oakville Ontario, Canada, to build Ford Edge and Lincoln Nautilus

Having staggered start dates allow for a smoother transition back to business, Felker explained.

"We didn't want to turn everything on at the same time," she said. "We wanted to just do it more slowly."

The company takes pride in building one F-150 pickup truck every 52 seconds. But while Ford views the F-150 as its moneymaking machine, Ford also saw significant sales of its Explorer SUV, Ford Mustang, Transit Van and Lincoln Aviator during the first three months of 2020.

In addition, the company will continue making personal protection equipment (PPE), Felker confirmed.

Ford workers are making face shields at Troy Design and Manufacturing in Plymouth, face masks at the Van Dyke Transmission Plant, purified air respirators at the Vreeland Facility near Flat Rock and ventilators at the Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti.

Ford plans to make a majority of its own personal protection equipment for workers, Felker said.

"Ford has more hourly employees and assembles more vehicles in America than any other company — and the health and safety of our workforce is our priority," she said. "Working closely with the UAW, we have developed health and safety protocols building on our experience in China, Europe and with our U.S. plants making medical PPE to help keep our workforce safe in our facilities."

Prior to the return of employees to the plants, Ford is installing signage and barriers and putting in place logistics related to distributing safety equipment, Felker said.

"We're making sure we have all of our parts in place," she said. "There's a lot going on to make sure these safety protocols are right, so people understand what to expect when they do come back."

As of April, Ford employed 188,000 workers worldwide.

Rory Gamble, president of the UAW, wrote in his member update on Friday: "Although we all knew this day would come, I know there is a great deal of concern as we begin the necessary process of restarting our economy."

Auto plants have been shut down since late March in response to pandemic concerns.