

Sisters and Brothers,

COVID-19 is still active in the United States. Case increases are being seen throughout the general population. It was reported today that new COVID-19 cases in the country was at its highest level since April.

Unfortunately, Postal Service employees are not being spared from these increases. In today's report on confirmed COVID-19 cases, the USPS reported it's highest number of confirmed cases since May 6, 2020. Today we saw increases in all categories reported by the USPS including employees on personal requested quarantine due to exposure, Postal mandated quarantines due to exposure, employees quarantined by public health officials, and increases in employees awaiting results for COVID-19 tests.

This is not a time for complacency in regard to COVID-19. Public health officials are warning the community spread is growing. We ask that all employees follow the policies and procedures put into place to protect all of us. We ask that union officers and stewards follow the COVID-19 safety procedures and policies in place. Union leaders must be holding management accountable for the policies and ensure management is enforcing the policies and procedures.

Please continue to practice and follow social distancing procedures and wear masks at work—particularly in those jurisdictions where masks are mandated.

All policies and procedures, stand-ups, and other COVID-19 documents can be found at www.apwu.org/coronavirus