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May 19, 2021

To: Local Presidents  
Regional Directors  
National Executive Board

Fr: Charles R. Manago *CRM*  
Contract Administration Representative

Re: **USPS delivers Mandatory Stand-Up Talk re: Face covering and mask update.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Please find enclosed a copy of the above-referenced document from the Postal Service regarding the latest Mandatory Stand-Up Talk re: Face covering and mask update.

**The requirement for Postal Service employees to use face coverings or masks continues when social distancing of six (6) feet cannot be maintained, or in public-facing settings when required by state or local orders or directives.**

Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Postal Service has continued to fulfill its critical mission to bind the nation together. Our employees are working hard across the country to ensure we are there for our customers every day, serving as a lifeline for millions of people.

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The recommendations regarding the use of face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are starting to ease as more and more individuals become fully vaccinated. At this time, however, the Postal Service will continue its current policy regarding face coverings and social distancing while we determine the appropriate modifications to our policy based on CDC's new guidance.

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- When an employee who does not deal directly with the public cannot achieve or maintain social distancing in the workplace.

You may request a face covering or surgical mask from your supervisor.

Please disseminate this information, as you deem appropriate and should you have any questions, or comments and/or suggestions regarding the above, please contact this office or forward your responses to the Contract Administration Department.

cc: Paul V. Hogrogian, National President  
Michael J. Hora, National Secretary-Treasurer  
Teresa L. Harmon, Manager CAD

# Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

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