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Teamsters Local Union No. 91 Bulletin

The Local Union has a social responsibility to provide notice encompassing the COVID-19 pandemic about a possibility which may occur in the month of October or earlier, and up to November 04, 2020.

Teamsters Local Union No. 91 is a democratic Union and that process is exercised every five years; in October an election may occur for any number of Officers on our Executive Board. Local 91 will make that determination on October 05, 2020. Perhaps that will be the end of the process, perhaps not.

In the event an election occurs or prior to an election, traditionally worksites have been visited with congregations of candidate's hand billeting in your parking lot or at the road or placing items on windshields {which really just shouldn't happen}. Perhaps, this might even occur in the workspace. You should be aware that Local 91 under any circumstances does not condone this type of reckless activity especially given the pandemic. Given these unprecedented times, we believe this proximity type of activity creates an unnecessary and significant risk of transmission of the Covid-19 virus.

Local 91 realizes the struggles that every single workplace represented by Teamsters Local Union No. 91 has endured to keep our Members safe, to keep your workplaces COVID free, <u>so you may continue to have the certainty</u> <u>and continuity of employment for you and your family</u>. Anybody engaging in any hand billeting activity poses a great risk to the worksite, it is contrary to the social responsibility we all share equally. The risk may be physical contact via accepting contaminated materials or simply airborne due to proximities. Thought must be given to the potential actions the Public Health Units in our various locations which may imposed on a worksite in the event a COVID-19 case arises directly linked to hand billeting. One only needs to watch the daily news to understand numbers continue to trend upward at alarming rates. Activities of this nature will not help.

In the event there is an election, Local 91 ask's all to govern themselves accordingly. Placing Teamster workplaces at risk is not acceptable during these unprecedented times. We are all in this pandemic fight together.

We recommend in the event this occurs, we highly recommend that you contact your Public Health Unit or <u>Regional Bylaw Authorities for advice.</u>

Public Health Links and Sources of Information

Ottawa Public Health Authority: <u>www.ottawapublichealth.ca</u> Public Health Ontario: <u>www.publichealthontario.ca</u> Kingston Public Health: <u>www.kflaph.ca</u> Hastings Prince Edward Public Health: <u>www.hpepublichealth.ca</u> Eastern Ontario Health Unit: <u>www.eohu.ca</u> Renfrew County and District Health Unit: <u>www.rcdhu.com</u>

Public Health Agency of Canada: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html