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CARRIER FLASH PLEASE READ AND POST CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

The Branch has been receiving numerous phone calls from Carriers that are concerned with the Coronavirus outbreak. At the time of composing this carrier flash the Coronavirus related death toll in the United States is in excess of 2500 with New York State having over 1300 of these deaths, including 3 Postal Employees. Social Distancing, Extreme cleaning of installations and a relaxed sick leave policy are now the new SOP. Management has been contemplating the Union's suggestions about staggering start time or maybe using 1260's for all begin times to stop the crowds at the time clocks. There have been 17 confirmed cases of the Coronavirus as of today and in the Boston District. Many of these confirmed cases are from employees that had already been out of work a week or more. Presumed positive is now being treated as a positive. There is currently a 1 to 3 day delay in obtaining the confirmation from the Mass Dept of Health or the Local Board of Health. Patients are getting phone calls if positive and Letters if negative. All offices should have PPE supplies and cleaning supplies at this time with more on the way due in by April 15th 2020. CCA's are allowed to use up to 80 hours sick leave under certain circumstances from Step 4 Agreement M-01911 until May 17th 2020. The criteria needed to use this leave is outlined in the agreement that is included in this mailing. All confirmed case employee's names are being withheld due to the Hippa regulations but the names of the installations will be released. "These names should also be left off of all social media accounts." The Stations with tests: IMC, Braintree, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, GMF, VMF, Watertown, Sherborn, N. Billerica, Hubbardston and Nutting's Lake. Due to the extension of social distancing and group meetings I am canceling the Branch #34 monthly meeting scheduled for April 14th 2020, this meeting will not be rescheduled. On or around May 1st 2020 we will look at canceling any other future events.



A handwritten signature of "Jerry McCarthy" in black ink.

Jerry McCarthy
President Br #34