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Board Memo 042-2020: NAPS' Ask – Please Wear A Mask!

Executive Board,

The National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS) is committed to the safety and health of its members, their families and all postal employees, not only during a pandemic, but at all times. Currently, the news and medical experts are reporting an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations across many states, including Florida, Texas and California, just to name a few. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic is not going away anytime soon. We ask members not to underestimate the affects this pandemic can have on their health or the health of their families and with whom they work.

The attached Postal Service face covering guidelines is a reminder to all postal employees to continue to practice social distancing and to wear face coverings to protect themselves during the coronavirus pandemic. NAPS supports these USPS guidelines as they are intended to protect the health and safety of all. NAPS Headquarters is asking all EAS to comply with the USPS face mask policy when on the clock. We want to avoid non-compliance issues of our members that may result in corrective action! But, just as important, we want to avoid any NAPS member, EAS or other postal employee contracting COVID-19, resulting in a serious health issue that cannot be corrected.

NAPS cannot overemphasize the importance for all members, active and associate, to wear face masks/coverings while at work or in the public. NAPS highly encourages not just members, but all EAS, to lead by example and wear face masks/coverings and practice social distancing in the workplace or in public places while on the clock. We further ask that you continue to lead by example, when off the clock, by practicing the same social distancing and face covering protocols.

Again, the COVID-19 virus is still spreading and the daily reporting of new

confirmed cases and the analysis tracing indicates that positive tested employees admitted they were not wearing face coverings! Additionally, along with face coverings, the best defense against the spread of coronavirus and other illnesses is to regularly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Always cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing by using a tissue or your elbow.

NAPS is very proud of postal employees, especially all active EAS and retired NAPS members for their dedication, commitment and hard work during these very challenging and difficult times to deliver America's mail or support those who do. Please share this board memo and its attachments with your membership. This memo will also be posted on the NAPS website.

Thank you in advance for your attention and support in this matter. Be and stay safe!

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