

Sisters and Brothers,

We have all worked together for more than a year to keep one another safe from this terrible virus. Currently, we are working with employers in all sectors to ensure protocols are in place at the worksite to keep our members safe in response to the increasing threat of the Delta variant.

Yesterday, the Big 3 COVID-19 Joint Task Force met and updated mask protocols. Beginning Aug. 4, Ford, General Motors and Stellantis will require all personnel to wear masks at all plants, offices and warehouses, regardless of vaccination status. This decision was made in response to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recent change in COVID-19 workplace standards related to the highly contagious Delta variant.

I know how uncomfortable masks can be, but this decision was made in the best interest of the health and wellbeing of our vaccinated and unvaccinated members, their families and communities. Throughout this pandemic, our position has been clear and consistent. The health and safety of our members is paramount. Our Health and Safety Department and medical advisors will continue to monitor this ever changing situation.

We are urging all UAW members and their families to get vaccinated. The science is telling us very clearly that the only way to get back to normal is to reach a heightened level of immunity. And the only way to do that is through vaccination. However, we also know that for some, there are religious and health reasons for not getting vaccinated.

As always, I want to thank our UAW family for their strength and courage throughout this long year and a half as we have worked together to keep our members, worksites and families safe. We will continue to update you as new information is released.

In Solidarity,

Ray Curry

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