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BRANCH 34, BOSTON  
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## CARRIER FLASH

### PLEASE READ AND POST

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

The Branch has been receiving numerous phone calls with Carriers that are concerned with the Coronavirus outbreak. Both NBA Rick DiCecca and I have asked Management to postpone all route inspections and 99's until the coronavirus outbreak has subsided. This request has been honored by management for the months of March and April. The influx of coronavirus updates and information is flooding in and policies are changing daily. Management has established a coronavirus telecom every Monday at 11am. This telecom will provide updates from the previous week and answer questions. The Branch will continue to send out at least weekly Carrier Flash updates and the website will be updated when crucial updates arrive. Please use the website as your main source for these updates. During the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, we will know if the stay at home and self-isolation protocol will continue. If these restrictions are not lifted I will be canceling the Branch #34 monthly meeting for April and rescheduling any Branch activities. At this time the National Convention has not been cancelled. Please utilize the Branch #34 website for all current information as it is being updated as these changes are announced. If the April 2020 meeting has to be cancelled, I will post the presidents report and any other information on the Branch Website: ([www.branch34.com](http://www.branch34.com).) If your office runs out of any of the protective or cleaning supplies needed at this time please contact the Branch and we will forward these requests to upper Management.

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## **Results of the coronavirus telecon on 3/23/2020:**

All necessary supplies have been ordered with an expected arrival date of mid-April. The approval to mix bleach with water has been approved for cleaning purposes until these supplies arrive. Management has been given the approval to the stations to purchase supplies locally and to formulate home made hand sanitizer by mixing aloe vera and alcohol. The Postal Service has contacted local distilleries about mixing batches of hand sanitizer and will begin this process as soon as the permits are approved. Bottled water has been ordered and will be arriving soon. Hospitals have a higher priority than the Postal Service so they will get the supplies first.

Please have your Postal ID with you from now on, we are considered essential employees along with the Police, Fire, Trash Service and Supermarket workers. Postal employees will be eligible for the emergency daycare system currently being set up. Cleaning will be done in all offices and equipment will be wiped down and sanitized multiple times on a daily basis. The next 2 weeks will be the worst, currently in Mass there are 646 confirmed cases with 5 deaths and 10 recovered. Across the United States there are 39,000 confirmed cases with 475 deaths and 178 recovered. The CDC only releases the County and City or Town where the deaths occurred not the individual addresses. There have been no confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the Boston Postal district as of today, numerous employees have tested positive for the flu and they have been instructed to remain home (using their own leave). Management has been instructed to be lenient with leave policies. The current 14 day protocol in effect is for anyone who has tested positive for the coronavirus, returned from a cruise ship or from a foreign country.

Today was the first of the Union-Management coronavirus telecons. These telecons will continue every Monday until this threat has been removed. If you are having any issues in your station that has not been explained in this message please call the Branch and we will contact the appropriate individuals to get your issues rectified.

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