“Good afternoon, Local 46 Family!

I hope you all enjoyed the weekend! Below are a few important updates:

**#1) WA State and Federal Mandatory Vaccinations / Jobsite requirements:**

As you have heard, The Federal Government and WA State are moving towards required vaccinations for employees and workers. I know most of you are already aware of Washington State’s new vaccination mandate for state and healthcare workers but I have attached it below in case you have not seen it as well as a response article from the Seattle Police Union.  The religious and medical exemptions of the state mandate have not been narrowly defined as of yet.  Vaccinations must be shown by October 18.

<https://apnews.com/article/health-coronavirus-pandemic-0e2d3c4d5abe76a0abd96a9f4655110d>

<https://www.king5.com/mobile/article/news/health/coronavirus/vaccine/seattle-police-union-says-it-was-not-consulted-in-mandatory-covid-19-vaccination-decision/281-9ce024e7-361d-4f94-abed-4fbe2c263f46>

**As with any changes to working conditions for our members, this is a mandatory subject for collective bargaining.  IBEW 46 will always demand to bargain any impacts to working conditions of our members. We have begun meetings with NECA to bargain these impacts to our members working on private – sector jobsites.**

**The Local parties will meet, confer and reach agreement prior to implementing any policy on vaccinations or mandatory testing.  Your Business Reps that cover public - sector or government workers are currently engaged in negotiations with the various City, State, and local agencies on this matter.**

As a Local, we are working together with our Building Trades Council and State labor partners to address this with the Governor’s Office. You will be updated on the outcomes as we make progress.

**#2) Long Term Care (LTC):**

As all of you have heard, Washington State will soon provide a new public benefit for Long term care (LTC) that will be funded through an employee payroll deduction beginning January 1, 2022. To help educate our membership on the option for Long term care, a detailed letter and FAQ sheet was sent via mail to all of you. Please check your mail for this important information. In addition, you can find this info on the LU 46 website. Please review in detail.

You can find more details at the following locations:

[www.ibew46.com](http://www.ibew46.com)

[www.wacaresfund.wa.gov](http://www.wacaresfund.wa.gov)

[www.insurance.wa.gov](http://www.insurance.wa.gov)

[www.esd.was.gov](http://www.esd.was.gov)

If you have any questions regarding Long Term care option, we have assembled a Team of Business Representatives to be available if needed.

If you have further questions, please contact:

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**#3) Unfilled calls!**

The calls for Inside Wire continue to increase, and we are still NOT filling our calls! These calls have gone through ALL the books for many weeks. If you are on the out of work book and are looking to go out to work, please bid every day. There are many opportunities for Inside Wire to go out to work.

**The check-mark system restarted on August 16th, and the books have ‘rolled’ several times since then.**

*It’s very important that we cover our electrical jurisdiction and we fill ALL our calls!*

If you have any questions, please contact the Dispatcher Bryan Johnson at 253-766-1032 or bryan@ibew46.com!

We also have OPEN unfilled calls for EL-02 Residential Journey Workers and Journey Technicians with an EL-06 license!

Thank you for your time. Please take care and stay safe!

Sean Bagsby

Business Manager / Financial Secretary

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