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National Association of Letter Carriers

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Affiliated with AFL-CIO and  
St. Louis and Missouri State Labor Council

**MEETINGS**  
2nd Thursday Monthly, 7:30 p.m.  
Letter Carriers Building  
1600 South Broadway  
St. Louis, Missouri 63104



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March 17, 2020

Due to new CDC guidelines which call on Americans to avoid social gatherings involving groups of more than 10 people for the next 30 days, the following Union meetings have been cancelled, postponed or rescheduled.

### CANCELLATIONS

- Retirees' Meeting.....Wednesday, April 1, 2020
- Stewards' Meeting.....Thursday, April 2, 2020
- General Meeting.....Thursday, April 9, 2020

### POSTPONED

- MDA Bowling.....Sunday, March 22, 2020
- MDA Poker.....Saturday, April 5, 2020

### RESCHEDULED

- Missouri State Convention.....from Saturday-Sunday, May 30-31  
to Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27

John McLaughlin, EVP  
Branch 343

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
AND THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS, AFL-CIO**

**Re: Temporary Additional Paid Leave for CCAs**

For the 60-day duration of this Memorandum of Understanding, City Carrier Assistants (CCAs) will be permitted to use up to 80 hours of paid leave for use in conjunction with the COVID-19 pandemic in the following circumstances:

- The employee has contracted COVID-19 or has been directly exposed to someone with COVID-19;
- The employee has visited any country identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a level-3 country (currently China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, and most other European countries) within 14 days of the employee returning to work;
- The employee returns from a trip on a cruise ship in which an identified case of COVID-19 was detected on board the ship;
- The employee is experiencing symptoms generally associated with COVID-19; or
- Consistent with the MOU Re: Temporary Expanded Sick Leave for Dependent Care During COVID-19.

Leave used for the above purpose will be coded as TACS Code 086, *Other Paid Leave*.

Except for emergencies, paid leave for the circumstances listed above must be requested on PS Form 3971, *Request for or Notification of Absence*, and approved in advance by the appropriate supervisor. Employees should designate the reason for the absence as "Other" and write "LC19" in the space provided.

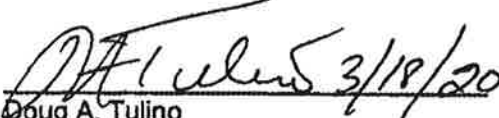
An exception to the advance approval requirement is made for emergencies and unexpected illness; however, in these situations, the CCA must notify the appropriate postal authorities as soon as possible as to the emergency or illness and the expected duration of the absence. As soon as possible after return to duty, CCAs must submit PS Form 3971 and explain the reason for the emergency or illness to their supervisor. Supervisors approve or disapprove the leave request.


The supervisor is responsible for approving or disapproving the application for paid leave by signing PS Form 3971, a copy of which is given to the CCA. If a supervisor does not approve an application for leave, the disapproved block on PS Form 3971 is checked and the reasons must be noted in writing in the space provided.

The total 80-hour allotment will not be increased due to a CCA's break in service during the 60-day period. Any remaining leave balance at the end of the 60-day period is forfeited.

The parties will revisit this issue immediately prior to this MOU's expiration to determine if extension is appropriate.

This MOU will expire May 17, 2020.

  
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**Re: Temporary Expanded Sick Leave for Dependent Care During COVID-19**

For the 60-day duration of this Memorandum of Understanding, in addition to the purposes outlined in the MOU Re: Sick Leave for Dependent Care, sick leave may be used by an employee for unexpected childcare needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

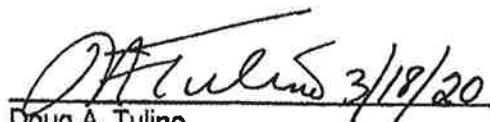
Specifically, employees may use sick leave for dependent care in the event they must care for a child as a result of daycare closures, school (Pre-K through Grade 12) closures, or the unavailability of a child's primary caregiver as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This MOU does not change the 80-hour-limit for sick leave that may be used for dependent care in any leave year.

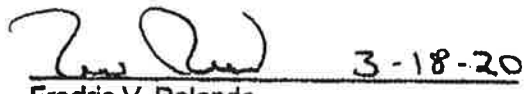
Approval of sick leave for dependent care will continue to be subject to normal procedures for leave approval.

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