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Brothers and Sisters of UAW Local 578:

Greetings! I want to take a little time here to address the latest situation in our plants with the COVID-19 pandemic. If you haven't already heard, as of Friday morning, two of our UAW Local 578 family members have tested positive for COVID-19. Many others who have been in direct contact with them are out of the plant on quarantine. On behalf of myself and the entire Executive Board, we wish for our people to have a quick and safe recovery from the disease and the best safety and well-being to their families.

Myself and all of our officers and stewards have heard multiple personal feelings from our members regarding corona virus, COVID-19, PPE, social distancing, etc. Just like all of you, I also have my own personal feelings related to the situation. The personal concerns of our members are extremely important, but so are the facts.

The following are informational sources I like to check: cdc.gov, uaw.org/coronavirus, aflcio.org/covid-19, and dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19. From what a person can gather as fact is that the disease is real. People are being affected differently by different age groups and underlying medical conditions and our lives will continue to be altered in some ways until there is more effective treatment.

We continue to have discussions with the Company and monitor the situation. Please keep bringing your concerns forward to our committee and stewards. We will continue to bring these up to management. Your voice counts. The last thing that any of us wants is a large outbreak in any of our plants. It hurts me when I find out that any of our members or their families are not doing well or are sick.

I ask you to please be mindful of your actions at work and outside of work. They can affect us all, especially with the recent news of the influx of positive cases in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. It's out there in our communities, folks. Please be safe, and remember, we are all Union and in this together!

In solidarity,

Bob Lynk
President/Bargaining Chair
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