

Dear Partner,

You may already know that some of your Local 655 partners working in retail have tested positive for COVID-19. I have been in constant communication with their employers as those test results have come to light.

Our employers are adopting policies to best combat this virus, and I have also been in close contact with our leaders at UFCW Locals in parts of the country hit the hardest by this pandemic: New York, New Jersey, DC and other locations.

I am confident at this time that Schnucks and Dierbergs are taking the necessary steps to keep their workplaces safe. Both companies have adopted clear protocols in the event that an employee becomes sick.

These protocols — along with new protective equipment that both companies are providing — are in line with best practices we've seen UFCW Locals adopt across the country.

However, even with all the appropriate steps taken, unfortunately it is likely that more Local 655 partners will test positive for this virus in the coming days and weeks.

That's why it is critical that you take the necessary precautions including not going to work if you are sick, covering your face **properly** while you're at work, and even staying home if you are at a high risk of becoming ill.

If you have any questions about working during this time, including the precautions we're taking to ensure your safety, please contact your union rep immediately.

Please know that we will continue to take every step we can to try to protect you and your coworkers. Local 655 partners are heroes during these challenging times, and we will do everything in our power to keep you safe.

David Cook
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