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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Together we have worked hard to keep safe and keep our economy running. I want to thank you for taking so seriously the protocols that keep all of us, our families, and our communities safe.

I spoke recently to Governor DeWine who told me Ohio is at another crossroads in fighting COVID-19. Our COVID case numbers, positivity rates, and hospitalizations are going up. This is especially troublesome as we head into the winter and have to spend more time indoors.

The good news is we know what works in the fight against this sneaky virus because UAW members have been on the frontlines in following these protections:

- Wearing a mask
- Maintaining a six-foot social distance from others
- Washing your hands for at least 20 seconds

But now we need your help to lead and make sure we keep doing these same things outside of work. It is easy to think that we are safe around our friends and family when we gather during the Holidays and we let our guard down. But these informal gatherings and social situations are where COVID-19 often spreads.

We want to keep our schools open. We want to keep our economy going. But most of all we want you and your families to be safe. We can ensure we're being safe when we all wear masks, practice social distancing and good hand hygiene on the job and outside of work.

In solidarity,

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