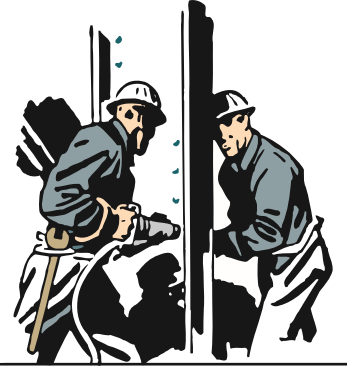


# TRUTH EXPRESS

July 2020 Edition



Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!!



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all Western Iowa Labor Federation Meetings are held via ZOOM. We will not be meeting in person. Meeting links will be sent prior to each meeting. If you would like a link please call or email President Scott Puntney at 402-657-1007 or [spuntney@wilfaflcio.org](mailto:spuntney@wilfaflcio.org)

**Western Iowa Labor Federation Meeting Third Monday of each month @ 7 pm**

**North Central Chapter (Fort Dodge) First Tuesday of each Month @ 6 pm**

**Northwest Chapter (Sioux City) Third Monday of each month @ 6 pm**

**Southwest Chapter (Council Bluffs) Second Monday of each month @ 6 pm**

## **2020 Labor Day Picnics Are Cancelled**

At our June meeting a motion passed to cancel this year's Labor Day Picnics due to the pandemic. Our members and e-board felt it would be irresponsible to encourage members to attend large gatherings and we would not be able to control social distancing measures. Instead we are in early planning stages to hold community service projects within our communities. If you have ideas or want to be involved contact President Puntney @ 402-657-1007, and attend your Chapter meetings!

## Make Sure you are Registered to Vote!

**First Day to Request Absentee Ballots is July 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**Online Voter Registration:** <https://mymvd.iowadot.gov/Account/Login...>

**Download a Voter Registration Form:** <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/voteapp.pdf>

**Absentee Ballot Request form:** <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf>

**Find your County Auditor's mailing address here:** <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/auditors/auditorslist.html>

# America's Five Economic Essentials to Keep Our Families Safe

## Keep Front-Line Workers Safe and Secure

America's workers need us to reopen safely, not prematurely. All essential workers need safety protections on the job, including personal protective equipment, training, testing, anti-retaliation protections, paid sick leave and hazard pay. These workers are everyday heroes who have kept our country moving, fed, cared for and safe through this crisis, and they need to be treated, protected and paid accordingly.

## Keep Workers Employed and Protect Earned Pension Checks

Unemployment in America is at catastrophic levels and we must act to ensure workers are paid through the duration of this crisis. The HEROES Act will extend COVID-19 unemployment benefits and create a framework to keep workers on payroll and protect the pensions of 30 million of America's workers and retirees in the public and private sector.

## Keep State and Local Governments, Public Schools and the U.S. Postal Service Solvent and Working

The COVID-19 economic crisis is threatening the finances of state and local governments, our public schools, the U.S. Postal Service, and other critical public services.. A substantial investment in unrestricted aid to state and local governments, school districts, colleges and universities, and the U.S. Postal Service, as well as greater federal assistance for Medicaid, will help prevent a further gutting of public services that would make these crises even worse. The HEROES Act would provide more than \$1 trillion to state and local governments and more than \$25 billion to the U. S. Postal Service.

## Keep America Healthy—Protect and Expand Health Insurance for All Workers

Millions of people are losing their health insurance in the midst of a pandemic, especially Black Americans, who are more likely to lose their health insurance coverage. Now is not the time to throw millions of laid-off workers and the families of workers who have died off their health insurance. We need to expand affordable health care, not eliminate it, so that all workers have access to medical testing and treatment. If the HEROES Act was law, there would be 100% federal support for COBRA extensions preserving laid-off workers' health insurance, as well as free COVID-19 treatment.

## Keep America Competitive—Hire People to Build Infrastructure

Public investment in America's infrastructure—our schools and hospitals, transportation, energy and telecommunications systems—is key to the immediate job creation we need and to our long-term competitiveness. The need for investment in modernized schools, additional hospitals and public assets like universal broadband is particularly important for communities of color enduring digital and health deserts.

## Resources for Workers Impacted by COVID-19 | AFL-CIO

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted the lives of millions of working people and our families. Select your state to find the resources, programs and benefits available in your area to assist you during this crisis.

[Click here to find resources in your area](#)

# MAKE YOUR 4TH OF JULY UNION MADE!

## BEER

- BUDWEISER
- COORS
- MILLER
- PABST
- SAM ADAMS
- SHOCK TOP
- ROLLING ROCK
- MICHELOB

## HOT DOGS

- BALL PARK
- BUTTERBALL
- HEBREW NATIONAL
- HORMEL
- OSCAR MAYER
- BOARS HEAD

## CONDIMENTS

- CLAUSSEN PICKLES AND RELISH
- FRENCH'S MUSTARD
- HEINZ KETCHUP
- MORTON SALT
- VLASIC RELISH AND SAUERKRAUT

## BUNS & BREAD

- OROWEAT BUNS HOT DOGS & BURGERS
- STROEHMANN BREAD & BUNS
- SARA LEE BUNS HOT DOGS & BURGERS
- EARTHGRAINS BREAD
- ENTENMANN'S
- NATURE'S HARVEST BREAD
- ARNOLD

## SNACKS

- FLIPZ PRETZELS
- FRITO-LAY CHIPS
- TRISCUIT CRACKERS
- WHEAT THINS CRACKERS
- DORITOS
- MISSION CHIPS SALSAS & DIPS
- TOSTITOS CHIPS SALSAS & DIPS
- BUGLES
- CHEETOS
- CHEEZ-IT
- ROLD GOLD PRETZELS
- LORNA DOONE COOKIES
- MIKE SELL'S POTATO CHIP CO.
- PIRATE BOOTY
- UTZ PRETZELS

## ICE CREAM

- BREYERS GOOD HUMOR
- PRAIRIE FARMS TILLAMOOK

## CHEESE

- ALTA DENA
- KRAFT FOODS
- HORIZON

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UFCW Local 1500

ISEA believes returning to in-person learning must be a well thought out plan to protect the health of our students, staff, and communities. We urge Iowa school districts to adopt local policies in line with NEA's 38-page Initial Guidance for Reopening School Buildings rather than the State of Iowa's irresponsible 2-page document.

NEA's Guidance: <https://educatingthroughcrisis.org/.../27178-Initial-Guidance...>

State of Iowa's Guidance: [https://educateiowa.gov/.../2020-06-25\\_ReopeningGuidanceforSc...](https://educateiowa.gov/.../2020-06-25_ReopeningGuidanceforSc...)

**15 Minutes (or less) to Demand a Safe Return**

Ann Lebo, Director of the IA Dept of Ed:  
1-515-281-3436

Department of Health State of Iowa  
1-515-281-7689

Governor Reynolds's Office:  
1-515-281-5211

Emails included in the description above

Iowa Educators for a Safe Return to School  
**Denial is not an option**

## Reopening Guidance for Iowa Public Schools

### STATE OF IOWA RECOMMENDATIONS

- Stay home when sick
- Encourage hand washing
- Post signs about stopping spread of illness
- Routine cleaning of facilities

### YOUR UNION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ISEA

Iowa State Education Association

- Ensure community testing and contact tracing capabilities
- Have a plan in place for re-instituting school closures with transparent data and clear standards
- Give educators time to develop new lessons that incorporate science & social impacts of COVID-19
- Deep clean of all school facilities, vehicles, and equipment
- Provide separate and secure place for students' outerwear & belongings
- Reduce and rearrange furniture in classrooms and other areas of school to accommodate social distancing
- Install floor markings and signage to help maintain social distancing while navigating school buildings and designate single points of entry and exit
- Install hand washing and hand sanitizing stations throughout school and at entrances and exits
- Institute procedures for screening and monitoring students and staff for symptoms, including temperature checks and symptom inquiries upon entry to school
- Require staff and students to wear masks throughout the school day, except during meals. Schools must supply masks made of at least two-ply cotton to staff who are not carrying out disinfection procedures—which require greater protection—and students, in accordance with CDC recommendations
- Designate and prepare at least one isolation room for staff or students who shows symptoms associated with COVID-19
- Practice and prepare to model proper hygiene practices in regards to hand washing, using hand sanitizer, social distancing, and using PPE
- Reduce class sizes as needed and maintain adequate staffing levels
- Restructure student meals to avoid communal serving
- Adjust school schedules as needed to accommodate social distancing
- Adjust or cancel assemblies, field trips, interscholastic events, communal play, extracurricular activities, and any other activities to be in compliance with the current guidance from health experts
- Ensure staff involved in preparing and serving meals and custodial staff are supplied with and wear appropriate protective gear, including N95 masks and gloves

SEE FULL RECOMMENDATIONS: [educatingthroughcrisis.org](https://educatingthroughcrisis.org)

## 2020 Harry Smith Scholarship Fund for all Western Iowa Labor Federation Affiliates

The Western Iowa Labor Federation has established a scholarship fund available to dependent children, members, and apprentices whose (parent's) local is affiliated with the Labor Federation. The dependents must be at least high school seniors and apprentices must come from a registered apprenticeship. One male and one female will each be awarded a scholarship, which will be paid to the college upon the Labor Federation being presented the student's tuition statement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Male            Female

Currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_

Address of above school \_\_\_\_\_

Apprenticeship program enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Expected school of enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Name of union parent \_\_\_\_\_ Local \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (union parent) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form to: Western Iowa Labor Federation, 3038 So. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106

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