



# THE BRANCH 324 BUZZ

## March 2021



### Ratification of Tentative Agreement:

The voting deadline has passed. The members across the country voted and we are waiting on the results. More details will be coming out from NALC headquarters. If you haven't downloaded the NALC app, now would be a good time.

### Heat Stress & Heat Exhaustion:

Last month, the USPS came out with a stand-up talk addressing heat related illnesses and how to observe the signs related to them. We can understand that February isn't a regular time of the year when we deal with these concerns, but they are real. Why is this so important? We have lost many carriers across the country due to heat related injuries. Here are just a few:

**Peggy Frank** - California

**James Baldasarre** - Massachusetts

**John Watzlawick** - Independence, Missouri

**Kamaria Westfall** - Jennings, Missouri

We will address this more as we get closer to the Summer time but wanted to address the importance of the stand-up conducted. This is a serious concern by the NALC and we need to watch out for each other.



Letter carriers have been placed in a higher category of 1B as an essential employee to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Governor Polis has placed U.S. Postal employees in category 1B.3 behind the last group of senior citizens and school teachers/day care providers.

### COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

<b>1B.3</b>	Frontline essential workers and people age 16-64 with two or more high risk conditions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Frontline essential workers in food and agriculture, manufacturing, U.S. postal service, public transit and specialized transportation staff, grocery, public health, frontline essential human service workers, faith leaders, and direct care providers for Coloradans experiencing homelessness and essential frontline journalists.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People 16-64 with 2 or more high risk conditions as listed: Coloradans with cancer (defined as patients who are currently receiving treatment or have received treatment within the last month for cancer), chronic kidney disease, COPD, diabetes mellitus, Down syndrome, specific heart conditions (heart failure, cardiomyopathies or coronary heart disease, and severe valvular/congenital heart disease), obesity (BMI <math>\geq</math> 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>), pregnancy, sickle cell disease, solid organ transplant and people with disabilities that prevent them from wearing masks.</li> </ul>

At this point, we aren't sure of an exact date when you will be able to sign up with your health provider or a local pharmacy location. Please stay updated by watching the branch Facebook page along with the website. We will also post notices in all of the offices when we get more concrete details on dates and locations.

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The branch will be hosting the **How We Roll for MDA Benefit Car Show** in August. We are already making preparations for the event and need your help. Please contact Gaylan Olander if you can help or know of businesses that might donate items to be included in the live raffle at the event. All of the proceeds go to benefit MDA.

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