

# **Mandatory Stand-Up Talk**

**April 1, 2020**

## **NALC Food Drive postponement How to handle Stamp Out Hunger postcards**

To help protect the health and well-being of our employees and our customers, the 28th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, scheduled for May 9, 2020, has been postponed. The food drive will be rescheduled later in 2020.

In a statement about the postponement, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) noted that much of the U.S. is under shelter-in-place or similar advisories and following social distancing guidelines. The statement concludes it is highly unlikely that those involved in the food drive will be able to safely participate just six weeks from now. The statement also says, quote:

*“The annual success of the food drive is largely due to the efforts of letter carriers, other postal employees, postal customers, community volunteers and many more. Their safety is of paramount importance.”*

While it is recognized that food assistance is a critical need for many, especially during difficult times such as we are currently experiencing, it is also of the utmost importance that we continue to minimize the risks to our employees to the extent possible.

If your facility has already received this year's postcards for the food drive, you are to place the attached placard with the postcards and hold them at your facility until such time as the Food Drive is rescheduled. The NALC is currently working on a process to update the postcards with a new date and we will notify you when that date has been determined.

Until that time, please remember that the best defense against sickness is good personal hygiene. Practice good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene. Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds at a time and cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing using your elbow or a tissue, and then discard the tissue if you use one. When unable to wash hands utilizing soap and water, it is recommended that hand sanitizer be used to help reduce the spread of germs.

You also can find resources on the USPS response to COVID-19 on our Blue and LiteBlue websites. Thank you.

**(PLEASE SEE PLACARD ON NEXT PAGE)**



**DO NOT DISCARD**

**Please hold Food**  
**Drive Cards until**  
**further instruction**  
**is received!**