

Letter from UFCW Local 8 member re: Coronavirus/Covid 19

The following is a letter from a member of Local 8 in Northern California. Do the same issues apply here?

Dear Grocery Workers of Sacramento, Central Valley, Foothills and Lake Tahoe areas,

During this Coronavirus (Covid 19) outbreak we have been labeled along with healthcare workers "First Responders ". During this time of panic and food shortages it is our jobs to do our best to make sure our communities are getting the food and supplies they need to get through this crisis. We are on the front lines as masses of people pour into our stores panic shopping trying to get what they need. We are being made to do these jobs with no protective gear or other things needed to protect us against possibly being infected by the masses of people coming into our stores. The risk of us becoming infected and taking the disease home to our families is very high. Even a possibility of death. At this time we are not receiving any protective gear or hazard pay. It's been reported that companies like Trader Joe's and Red Bull company are giving workers hazard pay. It should be no different for us. Our grocery companies are making millions during this crisis. Our union president Jacques Loveall mentions pushing for hazard compensation in a piece on the UFCW Local 8 facebook page.

See Here: <https://m.facebook.com/story>.

We all must contact president Loveall and collectively make our fears, concerns and voices heard. We must pressure our unions leadership to pressure the grocery companies to do the right thing. We can only do this if thousands of make our voices heard.

Please call President Jacques Loveall at (916)786 - 0588 ext 201

Tell him we need protective gear and we need hazard compensation now.

Please share this with every UFCW Local 8 grocery worker and family you know.

Thank you.

From a UFCW member

Message from Oaklandsocialist:

Does the same apply to grocery workers here in Local 5?

Attention UFCW Local 5 members: You can call your local at 510-889-0870

Ask where is YOUR local rep!

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