

HSW Committee – COVID-19 Meeting (06-02-2021)

- AFGE attendees: Victor Payes (C100 FPC), Yvette Jordan (L2222), Juan Casarez (L1250), and Christine Vitel (L777); TSA attendees: Amy Williams (DAL FSD), Sid Hanna (SMF FSD), Anita Minaei (BUR FSD), Suzy Tyson (Human Capital/Policy), Dr. Fabrice Czarnecki, Jill Segraves, and Tom Brown (LMR/Facilitator)
- Vaccination Updates: 19,000 TSA employees have reported receiving 2 doses. 26,000 TSA employees have reported at least 1 dose. (Dr. Czarnecki)
- TSA has been involved in discussion with transportation stakeholders and CDC about updating face mask usage requirements. Within the context of internal TSA operations, the scope of potential changes would for 1. Non-public work areas and 2. Outside work areas. (Jill Segraves)
- CFPC Payes asked clarification on if the potential changes in face mask requirements would in areas such checked baggage (non-public). Jill Segraves said “yes.” Operations support will go back and review for now to see where changes may be made, if any and where applicable.
- TSA continues to have adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) in its stockpile. CARES Act funding for extra PPE expires at the end of this fiscal year. DHS evaluating other funding sources going forward. (Jill Segraves)
- CFPC Payes asked clarification on gloves. Specifically, asked if the increased passenger throughput has affected supplies of gloves. Jill Segraves responded that supplies continue to be available. Gloves are shipped directly from CABVI (from upstate New York) to the airports (not through the TSA Dallas warehouse). There has been at times issues with having enough XL gloves, but otherwise, no issues. If there are any locations that experience issues with sufficient gloves, Jill Segraves said to let her know. (Note: Airports are responsible for the ordering of the gloves, so if there are shortages it sounds like its on the airport for not ordering sufficient supplies)
- Emergency Paid Leave (EPL) usage to date is approaching \$1,000,000 of the total \$13,000,000 (Suzy Tyson).
- CFPC Payes asked if the agency is tracking EPL by qualifying reasons or only as an aggregate. Suzy Tyson responded that EPL is only tracked in aggregate as opposed to the process that had been in place for Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL).
- Next meeting is scheduled for teleconference on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 1400 hours EDT