

Branch Circular: Covid-19 Update #9

INTRODUCTION

Dear All

I would like to start by wishing all our members a safe and Happy New Year. It has certainly been a difficult start to the year, as we are at the start of another national lockdown. I have just listened to a Downing Street news conference that confirmed according to ONS figures one in fifty of the population in England, some 1.1 million people, are currently infected with Covid19. This is against the backdrop of hospitals straining to cope already, with hospital admissions 40% higher than at the peak of the first lockdown in April.

It beggars belief in that context that the Prime Minister, as late as Sunday, was insisting that schools must open on Monday, that it was safe to do so. This has forced schools to waste precious time on planning opening, that would have been better used to prepare for online learning!

We are still awaiting the government guidance about many issues that remain unclear with more detail emerging daily. There are some key differences to April's lockdown including the proposals to keep nurseries and libraries open, changes in guidance on vulnerable children that could potentially result in larger numbers of children in schools to name but a few of the issues that are being worked through.

Our priority remains supporting all our members through the next period, until the successful roll out of the vaccine is completed, and the situation hopefully improves. We have representatives working with Manchester City Council and all the main employers in the Branch to review working arrangements in the light of lockdown. We will resume our regular Covid briefings during the coming period, to keep you up to date with the key issues as they arise.

You will find enclosed the formal notice of the Branch Annual General Meeting. Please note the date in your diary. It is an important meeting in the Branch calendar as it is the decision meeting of the branch. Please make every effort to attend to take part in the decision making process.

Evelyn Doyle
Manchester UNISON Branch Secretary

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE FOR BRANCH AGM

You are invited to attend our Aggregate Branch Annual General Meetings which will be held virtually via the Zoom at: **5:00pm on Tuesday 2 March 2021** or **12:45pm on Wednesday 3 March 2021**.

Due to the current national lockdown in place we ask that all motions / rule amendments, nominations, election addresses and other notifications as outlined below are submitted to the Branch via our contact email address:- unison@manchester.gov.uk.

Any Motions / Amendments to Rule to the Annual General Meeting should be proposed and seconded by UNISON members and received via the Branch inbox no later than **10.00am on Friday 12 February 2021**.

Election of Branch Officers

Under Rule 17 "Elections", nominations are sought for the following Branch Officers:-

- Branch President
- Branch Vice President (2)
- Branch Secretary
- Assistant Branch Secretaries (7)
- Branch Treasurer
- Branch Equality Officer
- Branch Health & Safety Officer
- Branch Communications Officer
- Branch International Relations Officer
- Branch Education Officer
- Branch Learner Reps Co-ordinator
- Branch Welfare Officer
- Branch Honorary Auditors (2)

Nominations should be proposed and seconded by Manchester UNISON members and countersigned by the nominee, and must be received via the Branch inbox no later than **Friday 22 January 2021**.

Election Addresses

Any member nominated for any of the Branch Officer posts may submit to the Branch Chair, via the Branch inbox, an Election Address of no more than 300 words (excluding experience) by no later than **10.00am on Friday 22 January 2021**.

Disabled Members

Please advise via the Branch inbox no later than **10.00am on Friday 19 February 2021** of any other requirements that might need to be arranged to enable disabled members to participate at the AGM.

Aggregate Annual General Meeting

The AGM is being held at different times over the two days to give members a better opportunity to attend at a time best for them. The business of the AGM will be the same at both meetings and any votes will be aggregated at the end of the meeting on **Wednesday 3 March 2021**.

Facility Time Arrangements

For those members employed by Manchester City Council facility time of an hour and a half has been agreed, subject to the usual provisions of ensuring service cover. Facility time is being pursued for members working for other employers.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Yours Sincerely

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Manchester UNISON Branch Secretary



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BRANCH OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS

Corporate Core

Please contact **Jane Slater** - Email: j.slater@manchester.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Services

Please contact **Pete Banks** - Email: p.banks@manchester.gov.uk

Children's Services

Please contact **Eddy Redmond** - Email: e.redmond@manchester.gov.uk

Adult Services

Please contact **Carl Greatbatch** - Email: c.greatbatch@manchester.gov.uk

Schools (Secondary Schools / Special Schools)

Please contact **Cath Baggaley** - Email: c.baggaley@manchester.gov.uk

Schools (Primary Schools - North)

Please contact Jane Wilcox - Email: j.wilcox@manchester.gov.uk

Schools (Primary Schools - South)

Please contact Rena Wood - Email: r.wood@manchester.gov.uk

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

In order to continue providing the most effective service to our members we need to ensure that all the information we have recorded for them is up-to-date and accurate. As an individual member there are some steps you can take to update your own personal information, but for certain things only the branch are able to make the necessary changes.

One of the easiest ways for a member to update their details is to logon to **MyUNISON**, which you can do by visiting the following website: <https://www.unison.org.uk/my-unison/>

When logged into **MyUNISON** you are able to make changes to the following personal details:

Name, DoB, National Insurance Number, Ethnic Origin, Disabled Status, Sexual Orientation, Contact Information, Mailing Preferences, Contact Consent, Home Address, Employer Name, Workplace Location and Job Role.

In addition to the above you can also request a new UNISON membership card, change your membership category and update your current salary range through **MyUNISON**.

Please note that to access the site you will need to register first and this process requires your UNISON membership number. You can find your number on your UNISON membership card, or in the welcome pack you received when you joined UNISON.

We hope you find this information useful and remember that you can always call the branch on **0161 254 7500** if you need further assistance and one of the team will be happy to help you.



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Oxford Street
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£8,001 – £11,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£30,001 – £35,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Instruction to deduct the subscription from my salary

By signing below I wish to join UNISON and authorise deduction of subscriptions from my pay by my employer

Signature _____ Date _____

This information tells us whether you wish to contribute an additional 5% toward UNISON's campaign fund. This voluntary contribution will be taken annually in October as a single deduction by Direct Debit. Further information is available at www.unison.org.uk/changes

This information is standard direct debit mandate information

Please go to unison.org.uk/privacy-policy to see how we will protect and use your personal information

We are legally required to keep your information up to date. You can amend your details via My UNISON at www.unison.org.uk/my-unison

Email Text Phone

By ticking these boxes, you are giving your consent for UNISON to contact you by these means about how we campaign on your behalf.

4 Campaign fund contribution

UNISON stands up for its members and speaks out publicly on the issues that affect them. To continue this work we ask for an additional voluntary 5% campaign contribution by Direct Debit when you join. Please tick your preference below:

Campaign Fund UNISON Labour Link No thank you

The campaign fund promotes better public services, enables the union to talk with politicians of any party about the work our members do and supports the union's equalities work.

Labour Link campaigns for UNISON policy on the NHS, your employment rights and for quality public services within the Labour Party locally and in Parliament.

I do not wish to contribute to campaigning at the moment. Those who choose not to opt in will not be disadvantaged in any way as compared with members who do opt in.

If you selected 'No thank you' – by ticking this box you are giving consent for UNISON to contact you in future about our campaign funds. We will do this using the contact details you provided on this form.

Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit
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