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Weekly Update



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

Friday, May 15, 2009

In testimony before the Aviation Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, General Vice President (GVP) Robert Roach, Jr. this week called for major changes to the airline industry as part of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2009. “The aviation industry is at a crossroads,” said Roach. “Thirty years of deregulation, reckless management and more than a hundred



bankruptcies have left the industry in shambles. America deserves an airline industry that benefits employees, passengers and shareholders, not just executives. Airline workers have shouldered more than their fair share to help revitalize their employers and their industry. This FAA reauthorization bill is a chance to change course.” Roach urged the Committee to resolve jurisdictional conflicts between the National Mediation Board and the National Labor Relations Board, and to address Flight Attendant issues such as fatigue and their lack of workplace health and safety regulations. Roach also called for enough FAA inspectors to ensure a single high standard of aircraft safety and maintenance oversight regardless of where in the world the aircraft maintenance is performed. “As a consequence of putting dollars ahead of sense, maintenance of U.S aircraft has been exported across the globe at a faster pace than the FAA could respond,” said Roach. “Maintenance personnel who work on U.S. aircraft should meet the same eligibility requirements at home and abroad. The IAM believes there should be one level of safety and oversight for the industry regardless of where an aircraft is repaired.” General Vice President Roach’s complete testimony is available [here](#).

The government of France currently mandates that all passengers and crew members complete a health form upon arrival and prior to disembarking the aircraft. This situation may also occur at other international destinations due to the outbreak of H1N1. Flight attendants should be aware, that if this happens to you, that you can put in a claim for “**Holding Pay**”. The Japanese authorities currently interview all passengers upon arrival and require individual temperature readings during a quarantine period. This is an example in which Flight attendants can submit a claim for “**Holding Pay**” with the company. Please submit your claims for “**Holding Pay**” as soon as possible after the completion of your trip.



**World Health
Organization**

World Health Organization (WHO) — Influenza A(H1N1) - update 29 — As of 06:00 GMT, 15 May 2009, 34 countries have officially reported 7520 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection. Mexico has reported

2446 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 60 deaths. The United States has reported 4298 laboratory confirmed human cases, including three deaths. Canada has reported 449 laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death. Costa Rica has reported eight laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Argentina (1), Australia (1), Austria (1), Belgium (1), Brazil (8), China (4), Colombia (10), Cuba (3), Denmark (1), El Salvador (4), Finland (2), France (14), Germany (12), Guatemala (3), Ireland (1), Israel (7), Italy (9), Japan (4), Netherlands (3), New Zealand (7), Norway (2), Panama (40), Poland (1), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (3), Spain (100), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1), Thailand (2), and the United Kingdom (71). WHO is not recommending travel restrictions related to the outbreak of the influenza A(H1N1) virus. Individuals who are ill should delay travel plans and returning travelers who fall ill should seek appropriate medical care. These recommendations are prudent measures which can limit the spread of many communicable diseases, including influenza. Further information on the situation will be available on the WHO web site on a regular basis. URL: <http://www.who.int/en/>

IAM Call for Contract Proposals for Continental Airlines Flight Attendants is currently underway. The IAM/Continental Flight Attendant agreement becomes amendable on December 31, 2009. Accordingly, a call for proposed contract changes is now in order. Each proposed change should be submitted separately on a contract proposal form. Proposal forms can be obtained from the grievance committee, or submitted online via <http://www.iamdl142.org/proposals>. You must include the following information:

- Identify the section and paragraph to be amended
- Proposed contract language change or modification.
- Example of problem or reason for change.
- Your name, employee number, and Local Lodge.

All proposed changes must be submitted online or to your base grievance committee for screening and categorization no later than midnight CDT June 30, 2009. Now is the time to submit the changes you would like to see negotiated in your contract.

We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting. Each Local Lodge must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Houston: Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel
May and June local lodge meetings will be held at the IAH Airport Marriott hotel. May's meeting will be held in the Amarillo Room and June's meeting in the Fort Worth room.

Guam: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

Cleveland: Thursday, May 21, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive
The meeting date has been changed for May, due to a conflict with the Legislative Conference.

Newark: Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel