

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Communications

April 14, 2020



My fellow Ingalls shipbuilders:

Good morning and welcome back! I hope that each of you and your families had a blessed and restful holiday break.

I ask that you join me in thanking your fellow shipbuilders who have, along with our environmental cleaning contractors, deep-cleaned and sanitized hundreds of acres of work areas across the yard – in shops and production areas, aboard ships, and in office areas from the Metal Trades Academy to the Wetdock Building.

Those individuals worked literally hundreds of hours over the holiday break to help us ensure that all of us have the safest work spaces possible in which to do our jobs as we return to work today.

If you see some of those folks today, give them a tip of the hard hat...they've earned it!

As we announced last week, we begin a new shift schedule, with an hour's break between the first and second shifts. This will help us ensure social distancing during the period between our two largest shifts.

Singing River Health System will continue its great support by doing onsite testing for employees who go through our screening tent by the fire station and show symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection.

I couldn't be prouder or more appreciative of the thousands of you who continue to come to work every day. At the same time, we fully respect those of you who choose not to come to work, using either PTO/Vacation or Liberal Leave, which has been extended through May 1, during these stressful times. Let me again assure you that you will face no penalty when you return...your job will be here for you when you are ready to return.

As we return to work this morning, I also hope you will join me in thoughtful prayer for our neighbors across the southeast who were in the path of devastating tornadoes and heavy weather on Easter Sunday.

We have important work to do here at Ingalls...for our Nation, for our Navy/Marine Corps Team, for our Coast Guard, and for our communities. Thank you again for what you are doing every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Cuccias', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Cuccias