



# THE PULSE

September, 2021

## NATIONAL BARGAINING KICKOFF!

### It's Selfie September!

**Buttons Coming Week of Sept 20**

We want to hear from you! Follow this link: [We Are Red Cross \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com) to send us a selfie with your union buttons, with your coworkers, doing the work that keeps vital blood supplies going to hospitals for patients in need!



Welcome to the first edition of The Pulse; a newsletter for all ARC blood services union members. We will be communicating to our 4,000 members across the nation from California to Maine and all places in between during National Bargaining. This will be the place for updates, bargaining news and information about actions.

We have a difficult bargaining ahead of us. We already know ARC wants to put us in a higher cost health insurance, and at the same time has not been paying us any sort of hero or hazard pay for our essential work in the pandemic, even when we were working without the best safety protections. Despite the tough battle ahead, we can prevail when all union members join the fight for a strong union contract!

We will kick-off united action, across all unions and across the country this month. Let your voice be heard! Keep in touch with your union stewards or union rep for details.

## Clap-Back at ARC; Your Voice Matters

We want to hear from YOU! Follow this link: [We Are Red Cross \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com), and tell us more about yourself and what you want the public to know about your work at ARC.

*You will be able to easily take and upload your selfie from the link.*



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# 2021 NATIONAL BARGAINING TEAM

Each Union has appointed one chief bargainer and one alternate to be at the table representing their members. The multi-union coalition has appointed Marge Krueger, CWA and Nina Bugbee, IBT, as chief bargainiers for the whole coalition. The entire national bargaining team is:

Marge Krueger; Coalition  
Nina Bugbee; Coalition

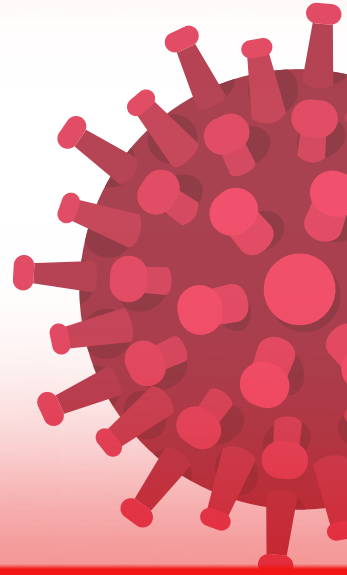
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## WE ARE RED CROSS: ELEVEN UNIONS, ONE MESSAGE

# Respect Us

# Protect Us

# Pay Us



## YOUR MEMBER ACTION LIST

Be sure your union has your Email

Sign up with your union to receive texts

Watch for buttons week of 9/20

Take the survey: [We Are Red Cross](#)  
([google.com](#)).

*Send us your selfie! And ask a friend to do it, too.*



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