



## WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM

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### Verso Employees – Update 6/29/20

We want to provide you with updated information on the response process as we move forward.

We have been in continuous contact with the company and union officials over the past couple of weeks. As previously mentioned, our goal was to determine options for providing you with detailed information on services and resources. Our top priority is to support and respect the marketing efforts and pursuit of a new owner for the mill as that would certainly be the best possible outcome for everyone. However, we also know that during this time folks have many questions and want to learn about options that can assist them in developing an alternative plan if necessary.

We are pleased to tell you that we have selected dates for informational sessions which will cover Job Center of Wisconsin resources and partner programs, Unemployment Insurance information and WIOA Dislocated Worker program services. As previously noted, these sessions will be your “starting point” for accessing any specific dislocated worker services.

You will be receiving the ‘official’ invite and further details next week however we wanted to get the dates out to you now for planning purposes. We will be scheduling meetings on the dates of July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>. All meetings will be offered in-person as well as virtual so that you may choose which option is most comfortable and convenient for you. There will be meetings each day at 6:30am, 9:30am, 3:30pm and 6:30pm to allow for the various work schedules and shifts. Registration will be required to attend a session.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the in-person sessions must be conducted in a safe environment. In order to accommodate larger groups under these conditions, the sessions will be held on the Mid-State Technical College campus in Wisconsin Rapids. Social distancing will be implemented and masks will be required at all times. We know some folks will not be in favor of this type of environment which is why a virtual option is also being provided. Detailed instructions on how to register for either type of session will be included with the official invite.

Most Job Center physical locations still remain closed at this time. However, we have received word that the state is working hard to open the Wisconsin Rapids Center in mid-July. We do not yet have details on hours and services. You can utilize the JCW (Job Center of Wisconsin) at <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com> to look for jobs, develop/post a resume and locate resources.

You may have also heard about the ‘Wisconsin Rapids Together Task Force’ lead by Representative Scott Krug and Senator Patrick Testin. The task force met last week and has formed sub-committees focusing on Economic Development and Community Response. These committees will meet weekly to develop plans for providing assistance, support and resources.

We encourage you to keep up-to-date on information you receive from all sources during this time.

Thank you. Watch for next week’s invite and information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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