

### COVID-19

## **State Requirements Reminder**

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Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, federal, state, and local governments have released numerous guidelines and requirements to help protect their citizens from the novel coronavirus. As the pandemic continues, so do these requirements, many of which have evolved over time. Most employers have turned to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and health departments for guidance; both are appropriate sources. In addition to the guidance offered by these agencies, it is important to recognize the compliance requirements your organization may be subject to in regards to COVID-19.

In the first half of 2021 OSHA released an Emergency Temporary Standard for healthcare and many states have also implemented, or are expected to, temporary emergency standards through their OSHA state plans. Future changes and updates are likely. Additionally, existing OSHA standards such as recordkeeping, PPE, sanitation, among others apply to Covid-19 as well. Other state or local governments have enacted executive orders that list specific requirements of employers. Employers failing to comply with the standards or executive orders could face fines and also risk the health and safety of their employees.

The requirements vary greatly by state and local areas and continue to evolve so it is recommended you visit the following for the most up to date information for your areas of work:

- OSHA's website for federal requirements
- OSHA State Plan website- For information on which states have state plans visit: https://www.osha.gov/stateplans
- OSHA's Covid-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard <a href="https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets">https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets</a>
- Locate Executive Orders on State Governor's, County, and city websites

Below is a summarized list of many of the common requirements noted in the regulations. This list is not all encompassing and further detail should be researched at the above mentioned resources for your state-specific requirements. Even if your state has not yet established emergency temporary standards or executive orders, your company can implement these best practices to protect the health and safety of employees. Remember, it is important that you document your efforts to ensure a record is maintained should it need to be referenced at a later date.

#### **Common Requirements:**

- Written Covid-19 plans and procedures
- Designate Workplace Coordinator(s)
- Physical distancing and barriers

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- Masks, face coverings, or face shields and other personal protective equipment
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocol
- Posting Requirements
- Ventilation Requirements
- Written Risk Assessments for each job task
- Implementation of engineering or work practice controls to reduce or eliminate employee exposure to COVID-19.
- Address controls for each risk level utilizing the hierarchy of controlselimination, substitution, engineering, administrative, and personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Employee Information and Training
- COVID-19 Infection Notification
- Administrative policies to encourage employees to stay home when sick
- Employee , customer, patient or visitor screening and self-assessments for symptoms
- Compliance with anti-discrimination for employees who raise concern
- OSHA Recordkeeping and reporting



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