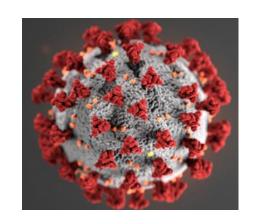


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### **Return to Work Plans**

At minimum, the plans should address:

- How and when employees will return to work;
- Workplace safety protocols and procedures;
- Changes to employee benefits and leave policies; and
- Lines of communication and the individuals who employees should contact if they have questions.
- Living Document
- Involve Key Stakeholders



### **OSHA**

Duty to Provide a Safe Workplace

- Employers must provide a workplace that is free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause employee death or serious physical harm.



### **OSHA**

### The Occupational Risk Pyramid





Promote Behaviors that Reduce Disease Spread.

- Isolate
- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
- Face Masks
- Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies
- Public Service Signs and Messages



#### Maintain Healthy Environments.

- Clean and Disinfect
- Shared Objects
- Ventilation
- Water Systems
- Modified Layouts
- Physical Barriers and Guides
- Communal Spaces
- Food Service



Maintain Healthy Operations.

- Gatherings
- Telework and Virtual Meetings
- Travel and Transit



Prepare for When Someone Gets Sick.

- Home Isolation Criteria
- Isolating and Transporting Sick Individuals
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Notifying Public Health Authorities and Close Contacts



# **Resuming On-Campus Operations**

Employee Health-Related Questions and Medical Examinations

- Medical Questions
- Measuring Employee Temperature
- COVID-19 Testing
- Keep Employee Health Information Confidential



### **Resuming On-campus Operations**

#### Employees Who Refuse to Return

- Employee Statutory Rights
  - OSHA
  - National Labor Relations Act
  - The Americans with Disabilities Act
    - Employees with Generalized Fear of Returning
    - Employees Unable to Perform Job's Essential Functions
    - Employees at Greater Risk of Contracting COVID-19 who Request an Accommodation
    - Employees at Greater Risk of Contracting COVID-18 who Don't Request an Accommodation



### **Resuming On-campus Operations**

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

- Employees Unable to Work or Telework because school or Childcare is Not Available and the employee needs to stay at home to care for children.
- Employees Unable to Work or Telework Due to COVID-19-related Reasons



# **Resuming On-campus Operations**

**Employer Liability and Waivers** 

- Employees
- Students, Vendors, and Guests

