

U.S. Department of Labor Publishes Frequently Asked Questions and Answers To Help Keep Workers Safe During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published [frequently asked questions and answers](#) to help protect workers from exposure to the coronavirus.

"OSHA developed these FAQs based on inquiries received from the public," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt. "OSHA is committed to giving employers and workers the information they need to work safely in this rapidly changing situation."

The FAQs provide guidance to employers and employees about topics such as the best practices to prevent the spread of infection during the coronavirus pandemic, workers' rights to express concerns about workplace conditions, testing for the coronavirus, worker training and returning to work.

These FAQs are the latest effort by OSHA to educate and protect America's workers and employers during the coronavirus pandemic. OSHA has also published [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#), and more recently, [Guidance on Returning to Work](#) to assist employers reopening non-essential businesses and their employees resuming operations and reopening workplaces during the evolving coronavirus pandemic.

For further information and resources about the coronavirus disease, please visit OSHA's [coronavirus webpage](#).

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

First Benefits Insurance Mutual Loss Control Department is committed to providing current information during this pandemic period to help you stay in compliance with evolving regulations and protect your employees. Should you need additional assistance, please email us at losscontrol@firstbenefits.org.

