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Worksafe COVID-19: Worker Health is Public Health

The impact of COVID-19 is unprecedented, and many workers need safety of all workers. And your well-being is important to us. That is why we are providing some resources below to help you in case you have lost your job or assistance. Here is Mandy co-founded Worksafe’s predecessor organization, Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health, in 1977 and served on our board of directors for many years. Under her thoughtful guidance, Worksafe grew and became Worksafe. Mandy was selected for her leadership award by the American Bar Association Disaster Relief Symposium. The event was intended to “celebrate the heroes who毅然 worked on the front lines and helped those most in need during the pandemic. Congrats, Mandy Hawes!”

The Commission on the Future of Work and Jobs is tasked with developing “a new social compact for California workers, based on health, safety, and dignity.” The Commission, part of the state’s Labor & Workforce Development Agency, seeks to create will not only affect the workplace and working conditions, but the overall health of workers, their families, and their communities.

The Commission’s mission is to understand, analyze, and make recommendations regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the workplace. To fully understand the impact of the pandemic on California workers, the Commission is committed to conducting research, analyzing data, and engaging with community members, stakeholders, and workers. The Commission’s work must be “centered on race since structural racism sits at the heart of the current reality for many workers.”

In early March, Worksafe submitted a letter to the Commission, urging them to address the health and safety challenges that workers face during the pandemic. Worksafe Managing Attorney Jora Trang took the lead in authoring the letter, which is available to read here. The letter was signed by three dozen labor, community, and worker advocacy organizations.

The letter to the Commission explains that workers are losing their jobs and their health during the pandemic. The Commission’s report should include recommendations around the current state of jobs and work and articulate a vision for work and jobs in the future. Worksafe urges that any such vision be informed by worker health and safety, and that the Commission consider the voices of workers and their families.

The Commission’s report will inform policy recommendations for the state’s Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Communities Commission, which the Governor has suggested will make recommendations on workplace abuses related to the virus, protection from the deep inequities of the current economic system, and workplace abuses related to the virus, protection from the deep inequities of the current economic system.

To protect worker health and safety, Worksafe and partners are busy with a quick roundup:

- **Street Level Health Project Training**
- **National COSH Webinar Series**
- **Worksafe Webinars on Coronavirus:** What Workers Need to Know

**Cal/OSHA Extends Rules**

“With COVID-19, Worker Health is Public Health”

On February 19, Augustin and Nicole traveled to Anaheim to facilitate a workshop about the wildfire smoke standard for the OSHA Hazard Communication Standards. The training was to learn about the hazards these workers face during wildfires. One of the most important tools for California workers — the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Subtitle 1, Division 3, Part 3080, “Occupational Exposure to Particulate Matter in Wildfire Smoke,” was adopted in 2016 but was never fully enforced.

At the training, the importance of understanding the workplace impact of smoke-related illnesses was emphasized. Worksafe attorneys were busy at Street Level Health Project in Oakland with a quick workshop on the wildfire smoke standard for the OSHA Hazard Communication Standards. In Solidarity,

As many have expressed, we must all support each other in these strange and stressful times, and we are acknowledging the work of our partners and community members who are a force in these challenging times. We are expressing our gratitude for the many who are working hard to make sure that all of our workers are safe and healthy.

If you live in the Los Angeles area and are in need of assistance, sign up for TrueRemove and help us prevent and remove COVID-19 from the environments where it is most needed. You can also reach out directly to Worksafe for assistance. If you live in the Los Angeles area and are in need of assistance, sign up for TrueRemove and help us prevent and remove COVID-19 from the environments where it is most needed. You can also reach out directly to Worksafe for assistance.

With COVID-19, Worker Health is Public Health. Worker health and public health are inextricably linked. Worksafe’s mission is to bring justice and power to the California workplace in recognition of the interdependence of health and work. The crisis of COVID-19 has already raised so many questions about health and safety. In the aftermath of the pandemic, we are aware of the need to ensure that government structures informed solutions that lead to effective measures to prevent worker injury, illness, and death. Moreover, it is critical that government structures informed solutions that lead to effective measures to prevent worker injury, illness, and death. Moreover, it is critical that government structures informed solutions that lead to effective measures to prevent worker injury, illness, and death. Moreover, it is critical that government structures informed solutions that lead to effective measures to prevent worker injury, illness, and death.