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SPECIAL **COVID-19 UPDATE**  
FROM YOUR TEAM AT AAMSI



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### Understanding New Cal/OSHA Emergency Regulations

Cal/OSHA emergency regulations requiring employers to protect workers from hazards related to COVID-19 are now in effect following their approval November 30 by the Office of Administrative Law. As emergency standards, these regulations become effective immediately.

The emergency standards apply to most workers in California not covered by Cal/OSHA's Aerosol Transmissible Diseases standard. The regulations require that employers implement a site-specific written COVID-19 prevention program to address COVID-19 health hazards, correct unsafe or unhealthy conditions and provide face coverings. When there are multiple COVID-19 infections or outbreaks at the worksite, employers must provide COVID-19 testing and notify public health departments. The regulations also require accurate recordkeeping and reporting of COVID-19 cases.

The official new regulations are posted at the three links below:

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/documents/noticeNov2020-COVID-19-Prevention-Emergency.pdf>

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/documents/COVID-19-Prevention-Emergency-FOE.pdf>

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/documents/COVID-19-Prevention-Emergency-txtbrdconsider.pdf>

Many business entities and employers have been scrambling to understand the new regulations passed last week. Several items are available to assist, including a Frequently Asked Questions document, a press release just posted on the Cal/OSHA website and a one-page fact sheet.

Employers and workers who have questions or need assistance with workplace health and safety programs can call [Cal/OSHA's Consultation Services Branch](#) at 800-963-9424.

## **Governor Announces Assistance for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19**

Monday afternoon, Governor Gavin Newsom announced additional efforts to provide immediate assistance for California businesses in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these relief efforts, based off recommendations made by the Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery, include:

### **Tax Relief for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19**

Earlier this year, Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order allowing taxpayers to apply for penalty and interest relief for 90 days for any taxpayer reporting less than \$1 million in sales on their tax return. Through November 22nd, some 9,287 plans with almost \$149 million in tax relief have taken advantage of this program.

The Governor will direct the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to do the following:

- Provide an automatic three-month extension for taxpayers filing less than \$1 million in sales tax on the return and extend the availability existing interest and penalty free payment agreements to companies (with up to \$5 million in taxable sales)
- Broaden opportunities for more businesses to enter into interest-free payment arrangements.
- Expand interest-free payment options for larger businesses particularly affected by significant restrictions on operations based on COVID-19 transmissions.

### **\$500 Million for New COVID Relief Grant for Small Business**

The Governor announced the creation of a \$500 million COVID Relief Grant administered by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for small businesses that have been impacted by COVID and the health and safety restrictions. Funds would be awarded to selected intermediaries with established networks of Community Development Financial Institutions to distribute relief through grants of up to \$25,000 to underserved micro and small businesses throughout the state by early 2021. Non-profits would also be eligible for these grants. CalOSBA is establishing the program and will make it available to small businesses as soon as possible - for updates on availability visit [here](#).

### **Increase Funding for the California Rebuilding Fund by \$12.5 Million**

Last week, the Governor announced the opening of the California Rebuilding Fund which makes available \$25 million to help impacted small businesses rebuild from the economic crisis and keep local economies strong. This program is built to be a resource in the market for the next year as businesses pivot and recover.

An increase of \$12.5 million, bringing the total investment to \$37.5 million, would allow the Fund to be fully capitalized. The additional funding will help the 3rd party administrator of the fund raise \$125 million to make more low-interest loans to small businesses with less access to loans from traditional banking institutions.

This announcement builds on the state's ongoing business support throughout the pandemic, including the Main Street Hiring Tax Credit, which authorizes \$100 million in hiring tax credit

for qualified small businesses. The credit is equal to \$1,000 per qualified employee, up to \$100,000 for each small business employer. The [application is available now](#). A full list of existing state support for businesses can be found [here](#).

To view Governor Newsom's press release, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca Baskins at [rbaskins@kscsacramento.com](mailto:rbaskins@kscsacramento.com).

## **Dec. 11 Deadline Approaching for USDA Program for Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by COVID-19**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) by Dec. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers facing market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

Producers have several options for applying for the CFAP 2 program by the Dec. 11 deadline. Information about eligible commodities, payment rates, calculations and options to apply can be found on [farmers.gov/cfap](http://farmers.gov/cfap).

Additionally, [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov) offers a number of resources for producers interested in applying for CFAP 2, including:

- [Eligible Commodities Finder](#)
- Videos, including "[How to Apply for CFAP 2](#)"
- Blogs, including "[Myth Debunked: Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2](#)"

Please note that CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first iteration of CFAP, now referred to as CFAP 1. Participating in CFAP 1 is not a prerequisite for participating in CFAP 2. Additionally, producers who applied for CFAP 1 will not be automatically enrolled in CFAP 2 and must complete a new application to be eligible for assistance.

Both CFAP 1 and CFAP 2 are self-certification programs, which means the applicant certifies the information submitted is correct. As part of the internal controls portion of CFAP 1, FSA is conducting spot checks of applications, asking producers to provide supporting documentation to verify the information on them. Producers are being selected using a statistically sound methodology. These CFAP 1 applicants will be contacted by FSA staff and asked to provide supporting documentation to verify the information certified by the producer on their CFAP 1 application.

## **Department of Public Health Urges Flu Vaccinations**

In an effort to prevent a "twindemic" of COVID-19 and seasonal influenza, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is urging Californians to get vaccinated against the flu now to protect yourself and your loved ones.

"Flu will be hitting your community soon, and in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in California, getting your flu vaccine will be more important than ever," said Dr. Erica Pan, Acting State Public Health Officer. "Just like wearing a face covering, getting a flu shot is an easy and safe action we can take to keep ourselves and others healthy during the pandemic. Don't wait—vaccinate."

Flu vaccination is part of a comprehensive public health strategy to reduce the burden of flu, but also to preserve health care resources for care of patients with COVID-19.

Getting vaccinated is the best defense against the flu. In California, flu activity usually begins to increase in late November or December. It takes a couple of weeks after vaccination for the body to build an immunity. So, don't delay getting a shot.

CDPH recommends the annual flu vaccination for everyone six months of age and older. Those at higher risk of getting severe flu disease include:

- People 65 years and older.
- People who smoke or have underlying medical conditions like diabetes, heart disease, asthma, lung disease, neurologic disorders, and weakened immune systems.
- Pregnant women and children under five years of age.
- African Americans, Latin and Native populations, who are disproportionately affected by chronic medical conditions that can increase the risk for severe flu or COVID-19.
- Caregivers and residents in long-term care facilities.
- Essential workers who encounter others outside their homes.

"Flu can look very similar to COVID-19 and can cause a fever, cough, body aches, chills, and other symptoms. If you catch flu, you will likely have to get tested for COVID-19 and influenza. This could mean isolation at home until test results are back and indicate it's safe to be around other people," said Dr. Pan.

CDPH encourages Californians to contact their health care provider, physician's office or clinic about getting the flu vaccine. When flu vaccine is in stock, adults can also get immunized at the pharmacy where they generally pick up their prescriptions. Pharmacies usually accept most insurance, including Medi-Cal. Some local health departments may also offer low- or no-cost flu immunizations.

Besides getting immunized, you can also take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs:

- Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you or your child are sick for at least 24 hours after symptoms go away.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow, arm or disposable tissue. If you use disposable tissue, use hand sanitizer or wash your hands afterwards.
- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wear a mask.

For more information about what Californians can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19, visit [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov).

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