DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Workplace Well-Being: Safe Workspace

Creating a safe work environment is a critical responsibility that will reduce the transmission of COVID 19. Addressing specific concerns with sound practices will go a long way to ensuring public confidence while managing employees' and visitors' physical and emotional health. Work with your safety and wellness committee to form a plan that meets all employees' and visitors' needs.

Ideas

- Review the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for workplace safety</u> (<u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html</u>) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Review the <u>Minnesota Department of Health guidelines for businesses and employers</u> (<u>https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/businesses.html</u>)
- Review the <u>National Institute for Worker Safety and Health</u> (NIOSH) workplace resources
- Review the information provided by the <u>World Health Organization</u> for employers
- Develop and communicate policies related to employee safety at your workplace multiple times in multiple ways.
- Survey your employees to find out their safety concerns and address as they return to work.
- Other____
- Set goals, identify solutions; create an action plan to address at least one issue

Resources

- <u>COVID-19 Employer Information for Office Buildings</u> (<u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/office-buildings.html</u>)
- <u>COVID-19 Creating a Safe Workplace</u> (<u>https://my.clevelandclinic.org/departments/employer-healthcare-solutions/covid-19-workplace-safety</u>)
- <u>COVID-19 Print Resources</u> (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc)

Video Resources

- <u>6 Best Practices for Disinfecting Workspace</u> (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZVZJqSgXa8</u>)
- Office Solutions to Improve Design and Safety (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzqxmhffx7w)

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