



IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE TO OUR EMPLOYERS
ACTION REQUIRED

Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 1159 into law on 9/17/2020. The legislation contains both current and retroactive provisions and will remain in effect until 1/1/2023.

You must report ALL positive COVID-19 tests to Care West Insurance Company from 7/6/2020 to present, whether work-related or otherwise, as soon as possible, if you have not already reported them. The Labor Commissioner may issue citations and fine your business up to \$10,000.00 if you fail to comply by 10/27/2020.

Also, on an ongoing basis, SB 1159 requires you to report ALL POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS within three (3) business days of the date you knew or reasonably should have known the employee tested positive, even if COVID-19 is not work-related. If you have yet to report all positive tests since 7/6/2020, please do so now to avoid citations and penalties.

REPORTING DIRECTIONS:

Please read below carefully to determine the proper format of reporting positive COVID-19 employees based on your industry type:

<p>INDUSTRY TYPE: Supportive care or healthcare services</p>	<p>INDUSTRY TYPE: All other types of operations</p>
<p>NOTIFICATION PHONE #: 844.326.2918</p>	<p>NOTIFICATION EMAIL: CWSB1159@carewestins.com</p>
<p>STEPS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Report all COVID-19 positive tested employees through the standard 24/7 First Notice of Loss report line 	<p>STEPS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the fillable form available on our website. Click here to view the submission form <p>-OR-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A separate email for each employee is required The date employee tested positive. (“Date” is the date the COVID-19 test took place). Please do not provide employee personal information, including name if the employee is not alleging the disease is work-related Each address at which the employee worked in the 14 days preceding the positive test The count for highest number of employees working at each address in the 45 days preceding the positive test If the employee says COVID-19 is work-related or completed a DWC-1 claim form, please provide the DWC-1 claim form and all other employee information

Should an outbreak based on positive test dates and locations occur, you will be contacted by the claims team to gather additional information, and further investigate the compensability of COVID-19 cases.

For your convenience, please see the link to SB 1159 below:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1159

Any general questions, please contact claims@carewestins.com

An employer or other person acting on behalf of any employer who intentionally submits false or misleading information, or fails to submit information when reporting pursuant to Senate Bill 1159, Section 4, L.C. 3212.88, subdivision (i) is subject to a civil penalty in the amount of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be assessed by the Labor Commissioner.