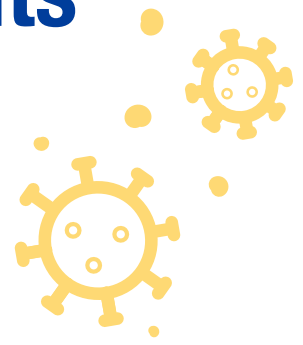# Workers' Compensation Benefits and COVID-19

Workers' compensation benefits are designed to pay for the medical treatment you need to recover from your work-related injury or illness, such as getting COVID-19 on the job. They partially replace the wages you lose while you are recovering, and help you return to work.

If you believe you contracted COVID-19 on the job, you should notify your employer as soon as possible and file a claim for workers' compensation benefits.

If your illness is an emergency, call 911 or go to an emergency room right away regardless of immigration status. Tell the medical staff that your COVID-19 illness is job-related. If you can safely do so, contact your employer for further instructions.

How to File Your Claim

- Tell your employer you would like to file a workers' compensation claim or complete the claim form from the Division of Workers' Compensation website.

- Your employer will fill out their portions and send to the insurance company.

- Make sure to request a copy from your employer for your records.

- Within one day of filing a claim form, your employer must authorize appropriate medical treatment. While your employer is deciding whether to accept or reject your claim, you may receive up to $10,000 in medical treatment.

What Happens Next?

→ If you don't receive a letter on the status of your claim in 14 days, call the insurance company for an update.

→ If your employer doesn't deny your claim within 90 days, your injury is presumed to be covered.

Still have questions?

You can contact the Division of Workers' Compensation if you have questions or call **1-800-736-7401** for recorded information.

Learn more at:
dir.ca.gov/dwc/injuredworker.htm

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