

Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation Public Meeting

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Cal/OSHA Updates - December 3, 2020



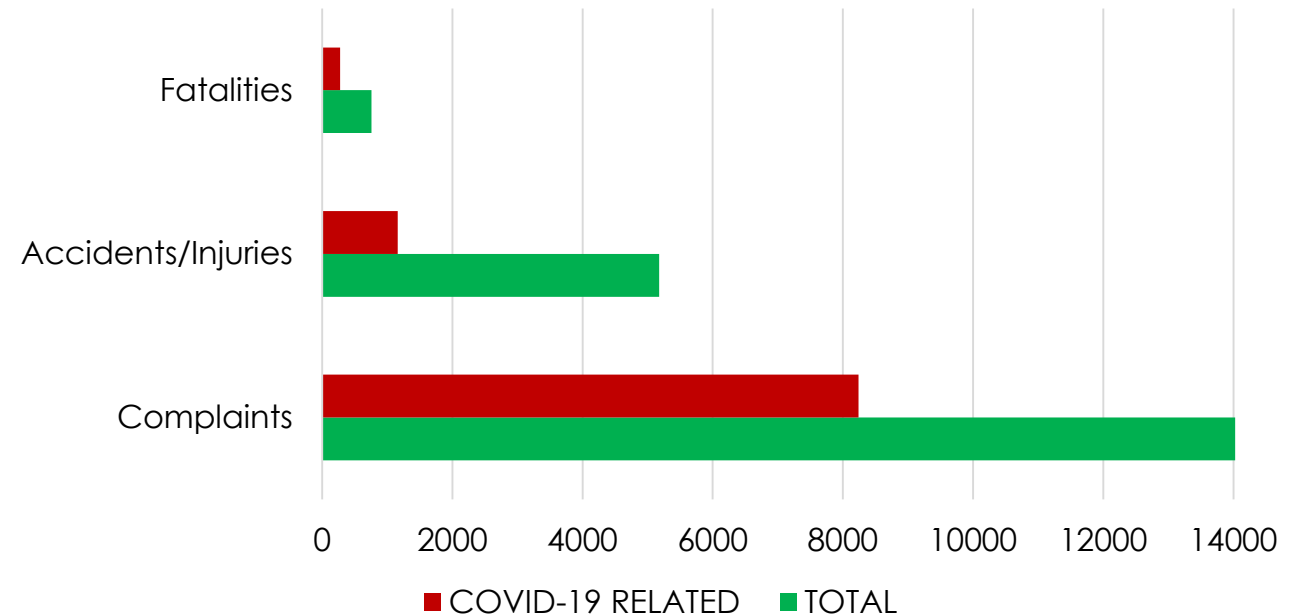
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Governor

COVID-19 Complaints, Fatalities, and Illnesses February 1 – November 29, 2020

- 8,238 complaints received (of 13,783 total)
- 276 fatalities reported (of 704 total reported)*
- 1,159 serious illnesses reported (of 4,678 serious injuries and illnesses reported)*

*Reported, not necessarily work-related

COVID-19 Related Reporting



Leading Industries to Date Complaints, Fatalities, and Illnesses February 1 – November 29, 2020

Top three industries related to COVID-19:

- Complaints

Industry	Complaints
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,866
Retail Trade	1,272
Manufacturing	928

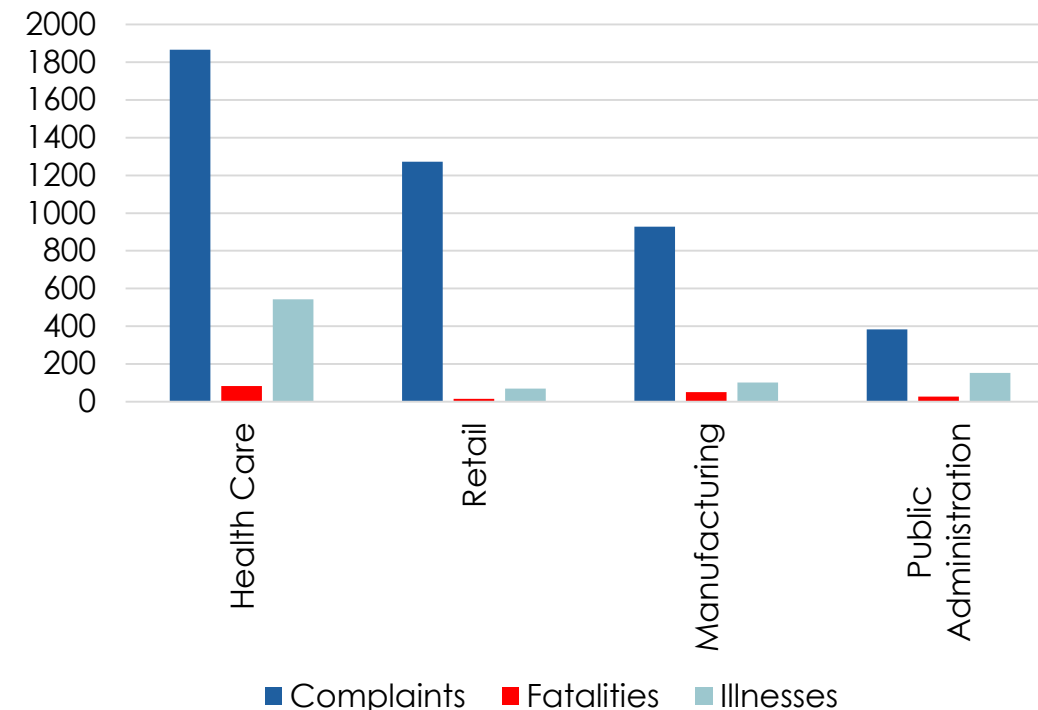
- Fatalities

Industry	Fatalities
Health Care and Social Assistance	83
Manufacturing	51
Public Administration	27

- Illnesses

Industry	Illnesses
Health Care and Social Assistance	543
Public Administration	152
Manufacturing	102

Top Industries



COVID-19 Enforcement Activities February 1 – November 29, 2020

- 1,567 on-site inspections conducted (of 4,977)
 - 477 Complaint-based inspections (of 1,134)
 - 195 Fatality inspections (of 345)
 - 321 Illness inspections (of 1,579 accident and illness inspections)
 - 263 Referral-based inspections (of 726)
 - 311 Other inspections (of 1,214)
- 6,863 Complaints investigated by letter (of 10,533)

Leading Industries To Date

Inspections and Investigations

February 1 – November 29, 2020

Top three industries with COVID-19 related inspections and investigations:

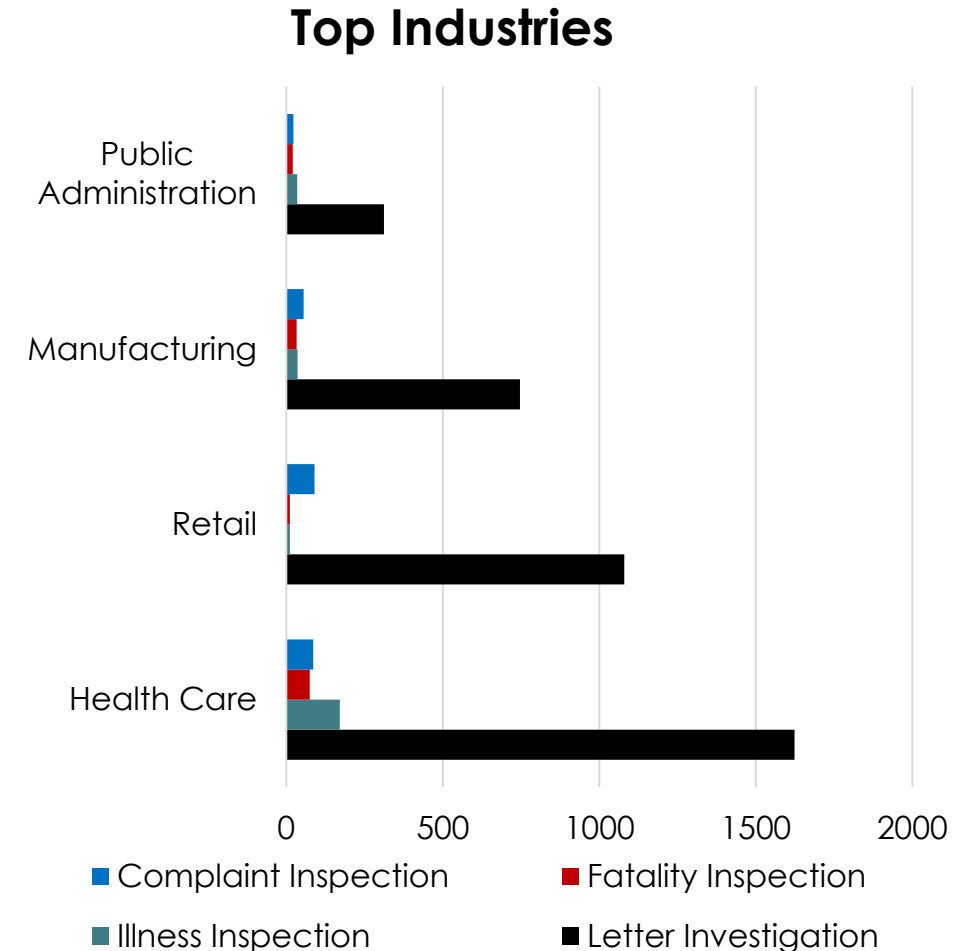
- Complaints
- Fatalities
- Illnesses
- Letter Investigations

Industry	Complaint Inspections
Retail Trade	90
Health Care and Social Assistance	85
Manufacturing	55

Industry	Fatality Inspections
Health Care and Social Assistance	74
Manufacturing	32
Public Administration	20

Industry	Illness Inspections
Health Care and Social Assistance	170
Manufacturing	35
Public Administration	34

Industry	Letter Investigations
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,623
Retail Trade	1,079
Manufacturing	746



Severe Silicosis in Engineered Stone Fabrication Workers — California, Colorado, Texas, and Washington, 2017–2019

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
MMWR

Silicosis in Stone Fabrication Workers

Silicosis

- **Incurable lung disease**
- **Occurs after breathing silica dust**



Workers are at risk

18 cases in **4** states

2 deaths

Most worked with engineered stone



How to protect workers

- **Control and monitor exposures**
- **Comply with standards**
- **Conduct medical screening**



Silica Inspections

Massive sampling effort:

- 410 silica air samples
- 122 bulk samples
- 65 inspections in which sampling was conducted

Region	Type of Inspection	Inspections Opened
1	LIST	2
	Health Referral	6
	Complaint	2
	TOTAL	10
2	LIST	12
	Health Referral	13
	Complaint	1
	TOTAL	26
3	LIST	14
	Health Referral	0
	Complaint	4
	TOTAL	18
4	LIST	33
	Health Referral	1
	Complaint	19
	TOTAL	53
All Regions	TOTALS	107

The following bills affecting DOSH were chaptered this year's session:

- AB 685 (Reyes) COVID-19: imminent hazard to employees: exposure: notification: serious.
- AB 2043 (Rivas) Occupational safety and health: agricultural employers and employees: COVID-19 response.
- AB 2537 (Rodriguez) Personal protective equipment: health care employees.
- SB 275 (Pan) Health Care and Essential Workers: personal protective equipment.
- AB 2658 (Burke) Occupational safety and health: hazards.
- AB 2210 (Aguiar-Curry) Contractors: violations: disciplinary actions.

Cal/OSHA Communications and Outreach

Cal/OSHA Communications has deployed the [Cal/OSHA Training Academy](#) to provide employers and workers with COVID-19 infection prevention courses and resources, as well as the deployment of a redesigned, more user friendly [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#) website.

To date, there have been 1,316 registered workers, of which 1,120 have taken the COVID-19 Training for California Workers course, and 1,113 registered employers, of which 891 have taken the COVID-19 Training for California Employers course.

There are 36 different resources available to employers and workers through this site.

Spanish sites for the redesigned website and the Cal/OSHA Training Academy will be deployed once translation is complete.

Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

Workplace safety and health regulations in California require employers to take steps to protect workers exposed to infectious diseases like the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), which is widespread in the community. Cal/OSHA has posted the following resources to help employers comply with these requirements and to provide workers information on how to protect themselves and prevent the spread of the disease.

Cal/OSHA recommends the guidance, educational materials, model programs and plans, and other resources that are provided below, be reviewed with an employer's existing procedures to ensure that workers are protected.



Guidance by Industry

Produced by Cal/OSHA, CDPH, the Governor's Office and other state agencies



Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs on reporting and recording COVID-19 illnesses, new laws and more



Educational Materials and Other Resources

Fact sheets, videos and fillable written safety plans



Webinars on COVID-19

Webinars available for multiple industries. All webinars are free to attend and industry-specific webinars are hosted by Cal/OSHA Consultation Services



Cal/OSHA Training Academy

COVID-19 infection prevention online training courses for employers and workers through the Cal/OSHA Training Academy

Cal/OSHA Communications and Outreach

Created industry specific LISTSERV email lists that targeted over 432,000 employers based on industry and provided them guidance and helpful information.

Additionally, provided over 385,000 employers with the announcement of the Cal/OSHA Training Academy for employers and workers to utilize with COVID-19 infection prevention courses.

Recently developed and deployed the Cal/OSHA [Model COVID-19 Prevention Program](#).

Industry Sector and number of businesses that were contacted:

- Agriculture – 4,157
- Automobile Dealerships and Rentals – 9,135
- Construction – 14,098
- Delivery, Mail, Message Couriers - 321
- Food Packing – 2,143
- Grocery – 71, 566
- Gyms and Fitness - 865
- Hair Salons & Barbershops/Personal Care – 1,664
- Health Care Facilities – 339
- Hotels and Lodging - 334
- Limited Services – 21,997
- Logistics and Warehousing – 2,391
- Manufacturing – 2,985
- Places of Worship – 1,309
- Public Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail - 455
- Restaurants – 48,483
- Retail – 250,567
- Skilled Nursing Facilities – 2,366

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CAL/OSHA COVID-19 ONLINE TRAINING

PREVENTING COVID-19 INFECTIONS AT THE WORKPLACE

The Employers course is designed for managers, supervisors, foremen, lead persons, and other people in charge of overseeing other workers or the health and safety of workers. The Workers course is designed for workers who do not fill any kind of supervisory or lead role. Please select the course that applies to you.

NOTE: Users who complete these online courses will earn certificates of completion. Completion of this training, alone, does not constitute compliance with an employer's legal obligations to comply with safety and health requirements under California law. The training courses are designed to be used as part of an employer's safety program and are not complete trainings on their own. For training to be effective, employers must train their workers on information and procedures specific to their own workplaces. To take a course, users must register by providing their name and email address. Any personal information provided by users will be used by this training environment solely to track course progress and award the certificate upon completion. You are encouraged to review the Department of Industrial Relations [dir.ca.gov](https://www.dir.ca.gov).

 COVID-19 Training for California Employers Information on COVID-19 and prevention measures for California employers 00:24:20	 COVID-19 Training for California Workers Information on COVID-19 and prevention measures for all California workers 00:17:01	 PRÓXIMAMENTE: Capacitación sobre COVID-19 para empleadores en California Información sobre COVID-19 y medidas de prevención para empleadores en California Not currently available	 PRÓXIMAMENTE: Capacitación sobre COVID-19 para trabajadores en California Información sobre COVID-19 y medidas de prevención para todos los trabajadores en California Not currently available
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COVID-19 General Checklist for Retail Employers
July 2, 2020

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Retail
July 29, 2020
covid19.ca.gov

Cal/OSHA Consultation Services Activities

From February 1 through November 30, 2020, Consultation Services Branch provided COVID-19 outreach and education to several thousand employers throughout the state.

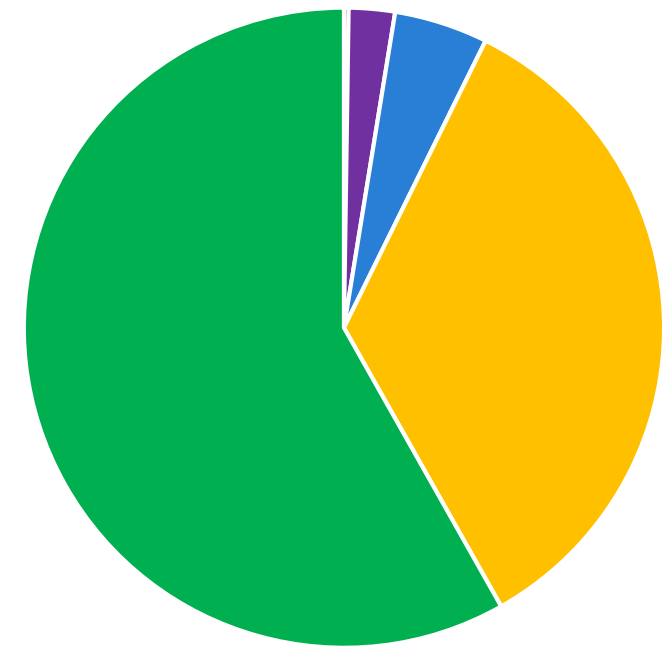
Consultation staff performed:

- 628 on-site COVID-19 visits (out of 963 total visits)
- 309 virtual visits
- 4,578 COVID-19 related phone calls
- 31 webinar and television trainings
 - 6,089 attendees
- 7,714 Daily COVID-19 outreach from July 3rd on

Partnership Programs:

- Golden Gates: 58
- VPP: 4 NEW & 11 RENEWALS
- VPP-C: 7 NEW & 0 RENEWALS

Consultation Visits and Outreach



- Webinar/TV Trainings
- Virtual Visits
- On-site visits
- Tel/Conf
- Strike Team Visits



Protecting and improving the health and safety
of working men and women in California



Evaluating exposures to noise hazards



Inspecting unusual places



Advising employers on safety compliance

Thank you!



Advising employers on health compliance



Evaluating exposures to toxic substances



Investigating accidents



Prohibiting unsafe equipment usage