

### Coronavirus Pandemic

# COVID-19 Pandemic New Rules, New Legislation, New Confusion

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#### Issues

- PPP Loan Forgiveness and New Guidelines.
- New OSHA Reporting Requirements.
- Liability Issues When Reopen.
- New Legislation.



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#### **PPP Loan Forgiveness**

- New Guidelines and Forms:
  - 8-Week Period.
  - 75% on payroll costs.
  - Headcount adjustment.
  - Paid OR incurred for expenses.
- Open Issues:
  - Prepaid rent and utilities.
  - 75% on payroll costs.
  - Certificate of Necessity.
  - Tax deduction.
- Request new rule—forgive all small loans without review.



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#### **PPP Loan Forgiveness**

- Loan Forgiveness Form:
  - 60 days to submit.
  - Confusing.
  - Recommend:
    - Fill in Schedule A, Tables 1 and 2,
    - Complete Schedule A, and
    - Then fill in Application
  - Owner-Employees:
    - Table 2.
    - Line 4—capped at \$15,385.



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#### **PPP Loan Forgiveness**

- Documents Needed:
  - Must submit:
    - Bank account statements or third-party payroll service reports
    - Tax forms, and
    - Receipts documenting its payroll and benefits disbursements.
  - Must Maintain Documents to Verify:
    - Number of employees,
    - Payroll costs,
    - Efforts to re-hire any departed employees during the covered and
    - Proof of bills and payment of expenses (interest, rent, and uti



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#### **New OSHA Reporting Requirements**

- Ever changing—need to check for updates.
- New Rule on COVID-19--Record on job infection.
- If have 10 or more employees.
  - Likely on the job, absent alternative explanation if:
    - Several cases with close workers,
    - Customer if spent lengthy time together, or
    - Required to go out in public
  - Not likely if:
    - Isolated case at work, or
    - If family or non-work associates contact coronavirus.
  - Report only if death or hospitalization



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#### **Issues When Reopen**

- Over 1,300 case filed to date.
- Follow guidelines.
- Have a written plan—some states require it.
- Legislative fix:
  - Federal Proposal.
  - State:
    - Utah and North Carolina Passed law, and
    - Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Ohio, South Carolina and Wyomir pending
  - WFCA Grassroot Campaign



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#### **New Legislation and Regulations**

- PPP loans.
  - House Bill:
    - 24 weeks.
    - Eliminate 75%.
    - 5 years.
    - FTE adjustment.
  - Senate Bill:
    - 16 weeks.
    - Through December 31, 2020.
    - Covers PPE purchases.
- HEROES Act—1852 pages.