

Office Etiquette

in the Post-Pandemic Workplace

As the COVID-19 vaccine rollouts continue and organizations begin to reopen, many employees are returning to the office—whether it's in-person full-time or not. While most of the same professional expectations from before the pandemic remain, there may be some new behavioral expectations in the workplace.

Something to keep in the back of your mind when returning to the workplace is COVID-19 safety.

Before engaging in close interaction with a co-worker, such as a handshake or a brief conversation, ensure there is a mutual feeling of comfort and safety.

Also, make sure you're aware of safety expectations before you return.

In addition, following certain tips might also be a good idea when returning to the office. The following are behaviors to consider:

- Be comfortable, but remember that co-workers and peers are around, unlike your home office.
- Avoid invasive questions and sharing unnecessary information with co-workers.
- Dress appropriately for in-person work (if unsure, ask your manager).

Don't overwhelm yourself as you prepare to return to the office. It is an unprecedented time, as well as an unpredictable one. Talk to your manager if you have any questions or concerns about what's expected of you in the workplace.