

California COVID-19 Update – August 11, 2021

We are committed to working with you throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and thank you for your continued business. Your local service team is here to provide support and values the relationship we have developed.

Because COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations are increasing:

- Over nine California counties and cities have indoor face covering mandates regardless of vaccination status.¹ The CDC now recommends that everyone wear masks when indoors in public areas in regions where there are substantial or high transmission rates.
- Several employers, health care providers and governments² have announced mandatory COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements.

Please continue to stay vigilant with your COVID-19 program:

- Continue to follow the California Department of Public Health, Cal/OSHA and local public health requirements that include face coverings where required or appropriate; communicating, evaluating, and correcting hazards; investigating and responding to COVID-19 cases; disinfecting procedures; and overall adherence to your program.
- Last year's Senate Bill 1159 amended California's Labor Code to address work-related COVID-19.³ While the law differentiates between frontline and non-frontline workers, in non-frontline "outbreak" cases, all positive COVID-19 tests must be reported in writing to our claims department within three business days.⁴ Prompt reporting is essential since all claims will be evaluated to determine if the illness was work-related, for which we have a shortened investigatory period ranging from 30 to 45 days depending upon whether or not the worker is a frontline worker.
- LC 3212.88 states, "Evidence relevant to controverting the presumption may include, but is not limited to, evidence of measures in place to reduce potential transmission of COVID-19 in the employee's place of employment and evidence of an employee's nonoccupational risks of COVID-19 infection[.]" so it is important that staff health and safety measures continue to be monitored and upheld.

Additional information:

- The Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California (WCIRB) determined that COVID-19 cases on or after December 1, 2019 will not be considered in the experience modification factor.⁵
- Please check our website for COVID-19 resources and updates <https://www.copperpoint.com/covid-19/resource-center>

As always, if you have specific questions, please contact your Underwriter, Service Team, or call our Customer Call Center at 602.631.2300.

Thank you for your ongoing trust in the CopperPoint Family of Insurance Companies.

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- 1 County of Los Angeles <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/WhenToWearAMask.pdf>
County of Yolo <https://www.yolocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/70193/637631529092970000>
Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and the City of Berkeley https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/8-02-21_Press%20Release_New%20HealthOrder%20Masking%20%281%29.pdf
 - 2 CDPH Public Health Order <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Health-Care-Worker-Vaccine-Requirement.aspx>
California Employers' Vaccine and Testing Measures for Employees <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/30/following-governor-newsoms-first-in-the-nation-vaccination-measures-california-employers-follow-suit/>
Federal Government Employees and Contractors <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/07/29/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-announce-new-actions-to-get-more-americans-vaccinated-and-slow-the-spread-of-the-delta-variant/>
 - 3 SB 1159 (Hill) https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1159&showamends=false
 - 4 Positive test results must be reported until January 1, 2023.
 - 5 WCRIB COVID-19 claims <https://www.wcirb.com/content/will-covid-19-claims-be-included-experience-rating>