



COVID CORNER – UPDATE

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Hello Everyone,

It has been a while since we have had an update regarding COVID. WP continues to do a great job cleaning/sanitizing and following our protocols under COVID-19. Most of WP COVID protocol is not changing, such as mask policy, social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing and how we report COVID are all staying the same. However, starting tomorrow, we will no longer have the temporary COVID sick leave program.

As many of you know the government put in place a temporary sick leave program for those employees who were asked to quarantine or tested positive for COVID. These programs were in effect through the end September 2021. Starting tomorrow, the COVID-SICK and COVID-Leave programs will no longer be in effect. What this means if you are exposed to COVID, come down with COVID or are asked to quarantine by the Oregon Health Department you will need use your PTO. If you have any questions regarding this change, please stop by and see me or call me.

As you know vaccines are now available to everyone, many have already received the vaccine and might now qualify for the booster. If you haven't received a vaccine and would like to, there are several ways to get the vaccine; contact your local pharmacy, enroll on websites, contact your primary care provider, etc. For those who received the vaccine when it first came out, might be eligible to receive the booster shot as well, please contact your primary care provider or pharmacy for more information and eligibility.

If you are sick with COVID symptoms do not come to work. If you have been exposed to COVID-19 you must follow the WP guidelines and quarantine.

As some states are opening, dropping mask requirements etc., I would like to express to all that it is important to use good judgement, keep yourself safe and do your best to limit your exposure while traveling. Oregon still has very strict mask requirements, social distancing, and sanitizing. Use caution, be careful, even if you have received the vaccination, follow the protocols of WP.

Thanks again for everyone's commitment to keeping WP a safe and healthy place to work. I appreciate you and all you do.

Regards,
Katrena