COVID-19
Resources for the Healthcare Professional

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Information from ASCA

COVID-19: An Interview with ASCA CEO Bill Prentice
Last Updated: March 17, 2020

Statement from the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association regarding Elective Surgery and COVID-19
Last Updated: March 16, 2020

ASCA 2020 and COVID-19
Last Updated: March 12, 2020

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General Overview of COVID-19

CDC: Coronavirus disease 2019 and you
Basic one-pager from the CDC that answers questions such as “what is coronavirus disease 2019?” and “How does COVID-19 spread?”

WHO: Basic protective measures against the new coronavirus
Webpage that offers several videos in response to FAQs, such as “Why is it recommended to avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough?”

What is COVID-19 and What Are the Symptoms? | Kaiser Permanente (YouTube Video)
41 second clip from Nancy Gin, MD

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Human Resources

Information from the US Department of Labor
The Wage and Hour Division provides information on common issues employers and employees face when responding to influenza, pandemics, or other public health emergencies, and their effects on wages and hours worked under the Fair Labor Standards Act and job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

OSHA: Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
This is quite an in-depth document (35 pages), but it offers a thorough explanation on how workplaces can be prepared and the different risks of exposure depending on occupation. This document is linked several times on different government webpages for employers to use to be prepared.

CDC Clean & Disinfection Guidance: Interim Recommendations for US Households with Suspected/Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019
ASCs should be thoroughly cleaning/disinfecting anyway (and this webpage is meant for households), but the page names a bunch of everyday items to clean that might not be sanitized often.

OHSA COVID-19 Hazard Recognition
A short webpage that is broken down into sections about the spread of COVID-19, exposure risk by occupation, and identifies potential sources of exposure.

OSHA COVID-19 Control and Prevention
Interim guidance from OSHA to help prevent worker exposure to COVID-19. There is a dropdown menu for different occupations that have a higher exposure risk, including a tab for healthcare workers and employers.
ASC Quality Collaboration: Tools for Infection Prevention (ASC TIPs)
From webpage: “Our goal is to make infection prevention resources readily accessible to ASCs by bringing them together in one location.”

Offers a bunch of resources such as: “Hand Hygiene Toolkit,” “Environmental Infection Prevention Toolkit,” and “Sterilization and High-Level Disinfection Toolkit.”

DOL Fact Sheet- Protecting Workers During a Pandemic
Short fact sheet that offers a general overview on how to be prepared/stay healthy. The document includes short sections on topics such as “employers should ensure that their workers understand;” “training;” “control measures;” and “risk communication (which includes a graphic of exposure risk by occupation).”

Harvard Business Review: What are Companies’ Legal Obligations Around Coronavirus?
Offers a calmer, but prepared response for employers. The article mostly reiterates stuff that Members should already know/be practicing, but it also emphasizes communication and alleviating stress and anxiety.

CDC: Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers: Plan, Prepare and Respond to COVID-19
Offers up to date guidance and strategies for employers and emphasizes creating an infectious disease outbreak response plan. This webpage is being updated as new information becomes available.

SHRM webcast, How Business, Workers and Workplaces Should Respond to COVID-19 March 10, 2020 (Transcript)
Quote from webcast page: “This program provides a critical, up-to-the-minute report on the situation from Jay C. Butler, MD, deputy director for infectious diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He will provide government updates and advice on how to take precautions and handle presumptive cases in the workplace. Butler will also answer questions about the challenges the business community is facing.

During the program, Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., SHRM's president and CEO, will provide an update on steps SHRM and the HR community have taken during this crisis to keep workers safe. Alex Alonso and Amber Clayton from SHRM will also answer questions that have come into SHRM on compliance and best practices.”

(Transcript attached)

Client Alert: COVID-19 Labor & Employment FAQs - You've Asked, We've Answered
Due to the current state of affairs surrounding COVID-19, employers are facing challenges not typically encountered in their day-to-day roles. This is a compilation of FAQs regarding this particularly difficult, ever-changing situation.

Visual Resources

CDC: COVID-19 Risk Assessment by Country
Color-coded map sorted by country transmission level.

NYT Coronavirus Map: Tracking the Spread of the Outbreak
This COVID-19 Tracker offers a world and U.S. case by case breakdown that is updated several times a day with new information. Includes graphics and maps to show the daily spread, as well as a graph that compares total active cases, deaths, and recovery cases.

JHU Coronavirus Resource Center, Interactive trackers
Kind of overwhelming upon first opening given the dark background and red indicators, but this webpage offers a good breakdown of cases, as well as a big column on recovered cases. The webpage is updated frequently.
CDC Recorded Webinars

**Friday, March 13, 2020: Coronavirus Disease 2019 Update and Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations**

Quote from overview: “During this COCA Call, presenters will focus on current information about COVID-19 and provide clinicians with updated information on implementing infection prevention and control measures, assessing risks for exposures, and optimizing the use of personal protective equipment supplies.”

The webinar is recorded (just under an hour) and has visuals included.

**Friday, March 5: Coronavirus Disease 2019 Update – What Clinicians Need to Know to Prepare for COVID-19 in the United States**

Quote from overview: “During this COCA Call, clinicians will learn what they can do to prepare for COVID-19 including identifying persons under investigation, applying infection prevention and control measures, assessing risks for exposures, optimizing the use of personal protective equipment supplies, and managing and caring for patients (inpatient and at home).”

The webinar is recorded (just over an hour) and has visuals included.

FAQs

**CMS FAQs for State Survey Agency & Accrediting Organization COVID-19 Survey Suspension**

Memo from CMS on the suspension of non-emergency inspections from March 4.

**DOL COVID-19 or Other Public Health Emergencies and the Fair Labor Standards Act Questions and Answers**

Provides answers to employer obligations during Public Health Emergencies.

**Fisher Phillips: Comprehensive and Updated FAQs for Employers on the COVID-19 Coronavirus**

*Last Updated: March 15, 2020*

From webpage: “Fisher Phillips has assembled a cross-disciplinary taskforce of attorneys across the country to address the many employment-related issues facing employers in the wake of the COVID-19 coronavirus – especially now that the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak as a pandemic. The COVID-19 Taskforce has created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which has been continually updated since first published on March 3 and will continue to be updated as events warrant. It has been completely updated to address the many additional workplace law rights and responsibilities given the pandemic designation.”

There are sections dedicated to workplace safety and healthcare/HIPAA issues.

Myth Busting

**World Health Organization**

The WHO has created effective infographics debunking myths and providing quick answers to commonly asked questions- e.g. “taking a hot bath does not prevent the new coronavirus disease.”