

Workplace Safety

## Coronavirus Protections

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As part of President Joe Biden's National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness, an ***executive order on worker health and safety*** directs the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue updated guidance on COVID-19 worker protections. It also directs OSHA and the Mine Safety and Health Administration to consider issuing emergency temporary standards.

### Unemployment Insurance Action

President Biden signed an executive order encouraging the Labor Department to clarify that workers who refuse employment due to coronavirus exposure concerns should be ***eligible for unemployment benefits***.

### Federal Coronavirus Protections

An executive order aimed at combating the coronavirus requires all federal employees and visitors to federal property to ***wear face masks, maintain physical distance*** and follow other recommended precautions.

### Diversity and Equity

President Biden ***revoked an executive order*** that limited the ability of federal agencies and contractors to conduct diversity training. He also directed all federal agencies to review and report on barriers to opportunity within their policies and programs.

### Preventing Discrimination

A new executive order ***prohibits workplace discrimination*** on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.

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