



Cal/OSHA Emergency COVID-19 Workplace Safety Regulations

On November 30, 2020, the Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) implemented emergency COVID-19 Workplace Safety and Prevention regulations that apply to nearly all California businesses. The emergency regulations take effect immediately, which means that California businesses must immediately implement extensive new workplace safety and health measures to protect workers against COVID-19.

The emergency regulations, which may be viewed [here](#), are in effect until October 2, 2021. They require, among other things, an extensive written COVID-19 Prevention Program, which may be written as a separate document, or be incorporated into an existing Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

Read the Department of Industrial Relations FAQ guidance on the emergency regulations [here](#). Cal/OSHA has posted a Model COVID-19 Prevention Plan available within the FAQ guidance.

CVMA members may subscribe to the [CVMA Guide to Cal/OSHA Compliance](#), which includes a sample COVID-19 Workplace Safety policy to assist with compliance with this emergency regulation. The online guide is designed specifically to help California veterinary practices with Cal/OSHA Compliance.