



# E-Brief • August 2020

This E-Brief is a summary of activities for the Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS). Updates from the Board of Directors meetings, as well as other pertinent information, will be communicated to our members electronically, and posted on the FASIS [website](#) for future reference. Please contact us at (800) 541-4591, extension 19025 if you have questions regarding the contents of this bulletin.

## ~ Welcome ~

Effective July 1, 2020, FASIS welcomed two new Member Districts – the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District and North County Fire Protection Districts.

## ~ Thank You and Farewell ~

American Canyon Fire Chief Glen Weeks has served as a member of the FASIS Board of Directors since 2007 and as President since 2014. After serving as a firefighter for over 34 years, Chief Weeks will retire on August 14, 2020. Staff extends our sincere appreciation to Chief Weeks for his dedication and service to the FASIS Program, and we wish him a very Happy Retirement!

## Workers' Compensation News

Staff continues to monitor legislative activity regarding a longer-term presumption of compensability for COVID-19 following the expiration of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-62-20 on July 5, 2020.

FASIS continues to evaluate claims on a case-by-case basis, based on the facts established during an investigation and, if needed, in consultation with legal counsel. As a reminder, please note the following:

- 1) If an employee requests to file a claim for COVID-19, you must offer a DWC-1 Claim Form within 24 hours of the employee providing notice of illness resulting from a potential work-related exposure. This 24-hour requirement remains unchanged. Should you need to provide the claim form via standard mail, please ensure it is postmarked within 24 hours of your notice and documented accordingly.
- 2) Immediately report the claim (including completion of the Form 5020 - Employer's Report of Occupational Injury or Illness) to Athens Administrators. California requires that this be done within five days. This requirement remains unchanged. You may report claims via email to Athens or electronically through Athens' [portal](#).
- 3) Ensure all information regarding the potential COVID-19 exposure is thoroughly documented for reference in the investigation. This information is crucial in determining compensability.

### COVID-19 Support Line:

We continue to provide access to a COVID-19 care line to support your District's employees and volunteers who may have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms. The care line may be accessed by calling (877) 494-4300, selecting Option #3 and identifying as a member of FASIS. Please note that **utilization of the care line does not mean a claim is filed**. If benefits are sought by the employee or volunteer, please ensure the above reporting instructions are followed.

If you have any questions regarding the filing of COVID-19 claims, please contact Sarah Centeno, WC Program Manager at [sarah.centeno@sedgwick.com](mailto:sarah.centeno@sedgwick.com) or (916) 244-1142.

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## Risk Control News

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cal/OSHA has made two important recent changes :

### COVID-19 Written IIPP Requirements

Cal/OSHA previously advised California employers to follow CDC guidelines on infection prevention measures. On May 14, 2020, Cal/OSHA revised the guidelines and outlined **mandatory** control measures California employers must implement and document within their written Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). This [link](#) outlines the requirements and Interim General Guidelines on Protecting Workers from COVID-19.

Staff has developed a sample COVID-19 IIPP Supplement. The supplement includes the infection prevention measures specifically outlined in the Cal/OSHA directive. Staff has also produced a 20-minute employee training webinar entitled "COVID-19: What Every Employee Needs to Know", which includes Cal/OSHA required COVID-19 training topics. The supplement and the recorded webinar are available on our [COVID-19 Resource page](#) and the Sedgwick Risk Control [website](#).

### COVID-19 Related Reporting Requirements

In early June, Cal/OSHA significantly changed their position on COVID-19 related reportable injuries. The latest information regarding reporting requirements is available on the Cal/OSHA [website](#). Cal/OSHA also published a [Q&A document](#) addressing Executive Order N-62-20 pertaining to presumption of a work-related illness.

All Member Districts must outline control measures which are to be documented and implemented within their written IIPP. The Risk Control Service Team is available to help you update your IIPP. Please contact Bill Vannett at [william.vannett@sedgwick.com](mailto:william.vannett@sedgwick.com) or (916) 290-4630 for assistance.

**For additional information regarding access to the Sedgwick Risk Control website and to begin the self-registration process, please reference this [job aid](#).**

## Important Dates

August 17, 2020  
2nd Quarter Payroll  
Reporting Deadline

November 5, 2020  
9:30 a.m.  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy Summer!**