



Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-62-20, declaring a rebuttable workers' compensation presumption for all workers testing positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) within 14 days after reporting to work at their employer's direction from March 19, 2020 through July 5, 2020. Based upon currently available information, the Executive Order has not been extended beyond July 5, 2020.

Staff continues to monitor legislative activity regarding a longer-term presumption of compensability for COVID-19. We anticipate any passed legislation will retroactively cover the period beyond the Executive Order's expiration. An update will be provided upon confirmation of passed legislation.

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 reference the following employer reporting instructions:

- 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;
- 2) Immediately report the claim (including completion of the Form 5020) to Athens Administrators. California requires that this be done within five days, and there is no change to this requirement. **You may report claims electronically through Athens' [online portal](#); and**
- 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.

We continue to provide access to a COVID-19 care line to support your District's employees and volunteers. The care line may be accessed by calling (877) 494-4300, selecting Option #3 and identifying as a member of FASIS. **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 above, please contact Sarah Centeno, WC Program Manager at [sarah.centeno@sedgwick.com](mailto:sarah.centeno@sedgwick.com) or (916) 244.1142.