







The OSHA guidelines proposed in January 2021 are helpful for communicating to employers how to maintain safe workplace conditions as more businesses begin to reopen. Going forward, any additional standards being considered must be built around focused, clear, and achievable measures that not only protect health and safety, but also offer flexibility to account for different workplace environments. Ensuring that new standards focus on promoting compliance will also, when paired with sensible liability protections, safeguard against excessive COVID-19 litigation.

SENSIBLE LIABILITY PROTECTION TO GET AMERICA BACK TO WORK

As the pandemic recovery continues, facilities services partners face the threat of burdensome COVID-19 litigation despite complying with public health guidance to protect employees and the general public. It is critical that policymakers enact a clear, national liability protection standard to protect responsible employers, support the reopening of America's economy, and spur long-term economic recovery efforts.



REASONABLE WORKER'S COMPENSATION REGULATIONS FOR COVID-19



Worker's compensation programs are designed to protect employees who are injured at work and should not be modified to include the risk of contracting community-spread viruses such as COVID-19. These broad presumptions could encourage employers to close in-person operations or refuse to reopen large sectors of the economy. Should a COVID-19 case be conclusively linked to the workplace, employees will be fairly compensated under the current system.