





EU guidance on COVID-19 – BACK TO THE WORKPLACE

Webinar: Return to Work - Global Workplace Strategies & Guidance

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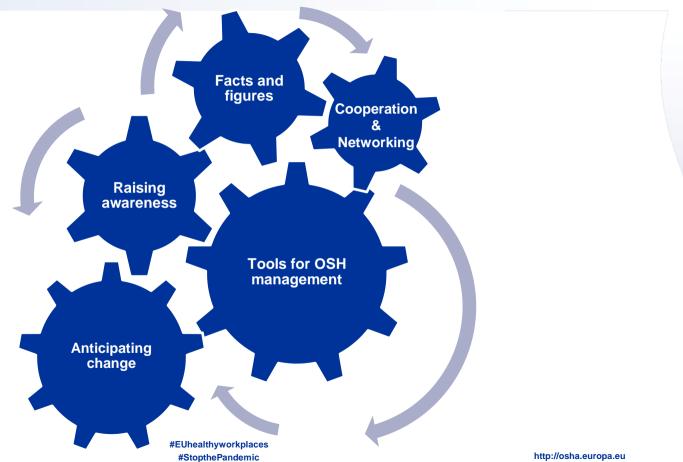
European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

- Established in 1994 in Bilbao, Spain
- To help improve working conditions in the European Union by providing technical, scientific and economic information to people involved in safety and health at work.
- Tripartite Board bringing together:
 - governments, employers' and workers' organisations
 - the European Commission





EU-OSHA key activity areas



COVID-19: Resources for the workplace



EU guidance

What can workplaces do in practice to help tackle this pandemic and protect employees? Knowledge and awareness are key—everyone must be well informed about how the virus spreads, the symptoms of infection and how to minimise exposure. Our guidance helps organisations to provide workers with the information they need and put measures in place to prevent infection.

COVID-19: Back to the workplace - Adapting workplaces and protecting workers

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COVID-19: guidance for the workplace

Awareness-raising video Napo in...stop the pandemic



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Practical tips to make home-based telework as healthy, safe and effective as possible d

MSD database of practical tools and guidance: telework

Awareness-raising video Napo is... teleworking to stop the pandemic



Resources from EU and international organisations

European Commission: webpage on Covid-19





EU guidance for a safe return to the workplace





Minimising exposure to COVID-19 at work

Put in place control measures. Here are some examples:











Carry out only essential work for the time being

Reduce as far as possible physical contact between workers

Provide all necessary
Personal Protective
Equipment (PPE)

Supply soap and water or appropriate hand sanitiser

Put in place policies on flexible leave and remote working



Managing workers working from home

How to minimise the risks for teleworkers:



Carry out a risk assessment



Allow workers to take home equipment they use at work



Provide guidance on setting up a workstation at home



Give support on IT equipment and software



Ensure good communication at all levels



Resuming work after a period of closure

If your workplace has been closed for reasons related to COVID-19, make a plan for when work resumes that takes account of health and safety. Consider the following:



Update your risk assessment



Support workers who may be suffering from anxiety or stress



Pay special attention to workers at high risk (i.e. older workers, workers with chronic conditions)



Adapt workplaces and work procedures



Last but not least...

The guidance document also provides information on how to:



Consult and inform your workers



Take care of workers who have been ill



Plan and learn for the future



Stay well informed





Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2020-22 LIGHTEN THE LOAD

Good Practice Exchange on musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)







Good practice exchange initiative

- Initiative from Campaign Partners
- Added value for campaign partners
 - Exchange of good practices
 - Better OSH management
- Added value for EU-OSHA
 - Strong link to campaign & reinforcing its messages
 - Improvement of OSH at workplace level
 - Structure for collaboration with different stakeholders
- On-site workshops

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Thank you...

Any questions?

