



## **COVID-19 pandemic: OSHA unveils worker exposure risk chart**

### **Preparing for returning to work safely**

COVID-19 cases appear to be flattening, and with cases potentially decreasing, many states are allowing workers to start going back to work. To keep workers safe from the COVID-19 virus, all employers need to preplan accordingly. OSHA has provided guidance to help employers restart operations safely. OSHA has developed a Worker exposure risk chart that can be accessed by clicking [here](#). The four categories of risk developed have been listed below.

- **Very high:** Health care and morgue workers performing aerosol-generating procedures on or collecting/handling specimens from potentially infectious patients or bodies of individuals known to have, or suspected of having, COVID-19 at the time of death.
- **High:** Health care delivery and support, medical transport, and mortuary workers exposed to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients or bodies of individuals known to have, or suspected of having, COVID-19 at the time of death.
- **Medium:** Individuals who may have contact with the general public, including anyone employed in schools, high-population/density work environments, and some high-volume retail settings. This category also includes workers returning from locations with widespread COVID-19 transmission.
- **Lower (caution):** Individuals who have minimal occupational contact with the public and other co-workers.

The first step is to identify from the list the exposure level of risk your organization's job tasks fall under. Then refer to the OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, located [here](#). The guidance is based on each risk level and prioritizing the use of OSHA's [Hierarchy of Controls](#) (e.g., engineering, administrative, and personal protective equipment).

Please contact your ORCIG Safety Specialist if you have any safety or insurance-related questions regarding Coronavirus.

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