

## **DOL COVID-19 POSTER NOTICE UPDATE**

A Questco Update – March 31st, 2020

The Department of Labor has released an updated notice requirement in regard to Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Here is the link to the updated poster:

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/posters.

# What's Changed?

The 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet under the Paid Leave Entitlements has changed from 10 weeks to 12 weeks.

Please be sure you are posting the updated "Employee Rights" poster.

# **Requirements for Posting?**

Each covered employer must post this notice in a conspicuous place on premise. An employer may satisfy this requirement by e-mailing or direct mailing this notice to employees or posting this notice on an employee information internal or external website. This is for current employees and must also be conveyed to new hires in the same manner.

Questco will continue to keep COVID-19 information updated and distributed to our clients as soon as possible. Please reach out to your CSM with any questions.

# **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

PAID SICK LEAVE AND EXPANDED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE UNDER THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

The **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA or Act)** requires certain employers to provide their employees with paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. These provisions will apply from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

#### **▶ PAID LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS**

Generally, employers covered under the Act must provide employees:

Up to two weeks (80 hours, or a part-time employee's two-week equivalent) of paid sick leave based on the higher of their regular rate of pay, or the applicable state or Federal minimum wage, paid at:

- 100% for qualifying reasons #1-3 below, up to \$511 daily and \$5,110 total;
- 3/3 for qualifying reasons #4 and 6 below, up to \$200 daily and \$2,000 total; and
- Up to 12 weeks of paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave paid at  $\frac{2}{3}$  for qualifying reason #5 below for up to \$200 daily and \$12,000 total.

A part-time employee is eligible for leave for the number of hours that the employee is normally scheduled to work over that period.

### **ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES**

In general, employees of private sector employers with fewer than 500 employees, and certain public sector employers, are eligible for up to two weeks of fully or partially paid sick leave for COVID-19 related reasons (see below). *Employees who have been employed for at least 30 days* prior to their leave request may be eligible for up to an additional 10 weeks of partially paid expanded family and medical leave for reason #5 below.

#### QUALIFYING REASONS FOR LEAVE RELATED TO COVID-19

An employee is entitled to take leave related to COVID-19 if the employee is unable to work, including unable to **telework**, because the employee:

- **1.** is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19;
- **2.** has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine related to COVID-19;
- **3.** is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis;
- **4.** is caring for an individual subject to an order described in (1) or self-quarantine as described in (2);
- **5.** is caring for his or her child whose school or place of care is closed (or child care provider is unavailable) due to COVID-19 related reasons; or
- **6.** is experiencing any other substantially-similar condition specified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## ► ENFORCEMENT

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has the authority to investigate and enforce compliance with the FFCRA. Employers may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise discriminate against any employee who lawfully takes paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave under the FFCRA, files a complaint, or institutes a proceeding under or related to this Act. Employers in violation of the provisions of the FFCRA will be subject to penalties and enforcement by WHD.



For additional information or to file a complaint:

**1-866-487-9243** TTY: 1-877-889-5627

dol.gov/agencies/whd

