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Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division Issues New Guidance Materials

The Department of Labor's (DOL's) Wage and Hour Division has issued a new set of assistance materials to help employers navigate the evolving challenges facing businesses during COVID-19. These assistance materials come at a time when many businesses are beginning to set long-term adjustments to the virus, such as remote work policies, mask and safety guidelines and modified hours.

To correspond with adapting business practices, DOL's assistance materials have a new focus on reasonable accommodations, remote work and temporary employees. The FAQs answer questions such as "When am I eligible for paid sick leave to care for someone who is self-quarantining?" (when a health care provider has advised self-quarantine) and "When am I able to telework under the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)]?" (when the employer permits it).

The assistance materials include two new posters for federal and non-federal employees, which satisfy the notice requirement in the FFCRA.

The materials also include a clear and detailed walkthrough of how a covered employer should apply the "paid sick leave" and "paid expanded family and medical leave" offered by the FFCRA. This description puts the leave laws—whose tangled statutory SUBSCRIBE

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Department of Labor

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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California Employment Development Department

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Bloomberg Law Coronavirus Outbreak News

Bain & Co. Coronavirus Economic Impact Report

Law360 Court Status and Closures List

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