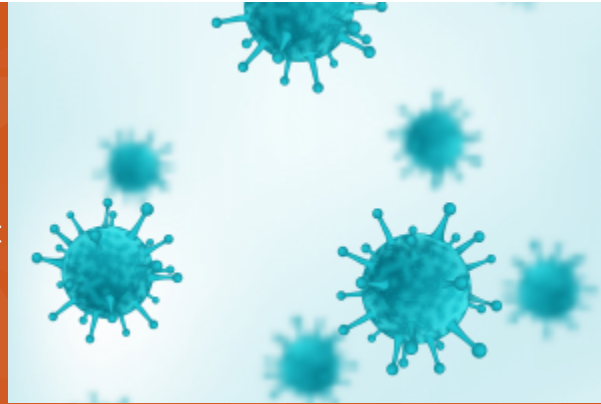


COVID-19 Alert: New Unemployment Guidance

DOL Releases New Guidance for Compliance with CARES Act and FFCRA

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The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced **new guidance** to help states with administration of the new unemployment provisions part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). It also updated and added **additional guidance** for the paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave implementation under the FFCRA.

The new unemployment guidance provides help to states in implementing the temporary emergency state staffing flexibility provision of the CARES Act. It also provides help to states in determining eligibility requirements for applicants – especially in the area of gig workers and independent contractors, who are not typically eligible for unemployment benefits. The new guidance can be found **here**.

The guidance added by the DOL for the paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave implementation includes a webinar to help employers determine eligibility and answer other questions related to benefits and protections under the FFCRA. The DOL also added additional materials to its Questions and Answers and added more **workplace posters** in additional languages. You may view these new materials **here**.

The Morse **Employment Law** team is following this, and other matters related to COVID-19 responses, and will continue to report as appropriate.