COVID-19: Employment Law Changes and Challenges

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NEW LAW: Emergency Family First Response Act

PART 1: Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA)

Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act

- Temporary?
- Covered employers?
- Covered employees?
- How much leave?
- How much pay?
 - –Any caps?

- Can we require use of leave under existing leave policies (Sick Leave, PTO and Vacation) first/instead?
- Unused leave paid at termination?

Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act

Six Triggering Events

Employers Repaid Through Tax Credits – How Much?

EPSLA Non-Compliance = FLSA Violation?

Anti-Retaliation Provision

Part 2: Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA)

Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act

- Temporary
- Covered employers?
- Covered employees?
- Same Repayment in Tax Credits as EPSLA?
 - –Any caps?
- Reinstatement rights?

ONLY ONE TYPE OF EFMLEA QUALIFYING EVENT:

CHILD CARE ISSUES
DUE TO COVID-19

HELP!....

What If We Can't Afford Any of This???

What If:

Employee Reports Testing Positive for COVID-19?

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Next Steps...

- Instruct infected employee to STAY HOME!
- Encourage employee to:
 - –Self-quarantine
 - Contact qualified health care provider
 - Is 14-day quarantine enough?
- ADA Considerations

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What Else Should We Do?

- Questions to Ask Infected Employee
- Determine Relevant Windows of Time
 - Before Diagnosis
 - After Diagnosis
- Mitigation Measures
 - —Close the office/facility?

What Do We Say To...

- Employees identified as having come into contact with infected employee?
- All other employees?
- Infected employee who wants to return to work after claiming to have recovered?

What If:

Employee Reports Being Exposed to Someone Positively Diagnosed with COVID-19?

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Thank you!



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