



## Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Workers

On April 7, the state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) issued new Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employers, which outline additional protective measures that every workplace in Connecticut deemed essential or allowed to remain open must follow. The [Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employers](#), which took effect immediately, are mandatory throughout the state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued [interim guidance](#) on April 8 advising that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community, including taking their temperature before going to work, wearing a face mask at all times and practicing social distancing. Previously, workers were told to stay at home for 14 days if they were exposed to someone who had tested positive for coronavirus.

CDC's interim guidance pertains to critical infrastructure workers, including workers and contractors in water and wastewater facilities.

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### CtWARN - Join Today!

The state Department of Public Health is reminding water and wastewater utilities that they should strongly consider joining CtWARN. CtWARN supports and promotes statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual assistance matters for public and private water and wastewater utilities through 1) Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements and 2) a Computer Internet Website which provides the resource information database that the member utility will be able to use to match its emergency need for equipment or experienced personnel with the resources available from responding members.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact [CTAWWA.org](http://CTAWWA.org) for more information.

### Coronavirus Resources

State Portal -  
[ct.gov/Coronavirus](http://ct.gov/Coronavirus)

Governor's [FAQs](#) on State's  
Action to COVID-19

[Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention](#)

[OSHA Guidance](#)

[Coronavirus Resources for  
Businesses](#)