



SELF-INSURED
WORKERS'
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FUND

SAFETY RESOURCES AVAILABLE DURING COVID-19

RISK ASSESSMENT | ONLINE TRAINING | MATERIAL HANDLING PPE | HUMAN RESOURCES

ABC of Michigan has been closely monitoring the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact to our industry. Our self-insured workers' compensation fund (ABC Fund) has been involved in communicating with its members on preparing for the impact to employee safety and how to handle questions related to workplace claims.

Over 480 ABC contractors are participating in the ABC Fund and during this unprecedented period, the fund's online safety resources are now being extended to all contractor members of the association. For fund members, a fully staffed team of loss control professionals that know your industry will work directly with you on all areas of your safety program. This outreach support will be provided by phone, email, online videos and through web-based training.

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The COVID-19 website provides a 35 page Department of Labor manual titled, "[Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)"

Could COVID-19 cause a work related injury?

The Workers' Compensation Act excludes claims that are attributed to an "ordinary disease of life." An ordinary disease of life is one in which the public could be generally exposed to outside of their employment. In addition, Coronavirus is not "characteristic of and peculiar to the business" of any employer. As a result, your fund's legal defense team does not believe a claim would be deemed compensable. However, some industries such as health care, may be impacted differently. If you are uncertain whether to file a claim, feel free to contact your claim team to review.

Contact the ABC of Michigan office with questions or any other support needs you may have. Thank you for your continued participation in the fund.

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