

SAIF establishes \$10 million COVID-19 worker safety fund

To our group association partners:

Yesterday, our board of directors approved a \$10 million COVID-19 worker safety fund. The fund is designed to support employee safety, reduce injuries, and decrease exposures by helping businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The fund will help policyholders pay for expenses tied to making workplaces safer against the virus and dealing with the impact of the pandemic on workers. This includes worksite cleaning and disinfection supplies; resources to reopen businesses safely after a COVID-19-related closure; resources to redesign or modify workspaces to encourage social distancing; and mental health and wellness initiatives.

All SAIF policyholders (including those in the assigned risk pool) will be eligible, and expenses incurred on or after March 1 will be considered. SAIF will accept submissions until all funds have been expended or until the fund is no longer needed.

We are working to quickly set up an application form on saif.com, which will have further details about the program and what it will cover. We will notify you as soon as this information is available. In the meantime, you can contact the team at safetyfund@saif.com.

We know businesses and workers across Oregon are in dire need of support through this pandemic. We expect this fund will be well used, and we hope the activities it supports will help Oregon businesses restore some of what they have lost during this difficult time.

Thank you for assisting in getting this information out to our mutual customers. Please continue to refer policyholders to saif.com for the most up-to-date information on all of the steps SAIF is taking to assist policyholders and injured workers through this pandemic.

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