Helping Your Workforce during COVID-19

As you make changes to your operations to accommodate and support your teams for health and safety reasons, there is a wide range of impacts this crisis will have on your workforce.

Based on the conversations we are having across our client base – including municipalities, small businesses, hospitals and clinics – we put together the tool below to help you assess and lead through this time.

As always, we are here to help you help your people stay productive.

- Maggie Young, Southwest EAP President

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	Reduced Employment	Working Remotely	Working in High Stress
Where are you on this continuum?	 Displaced workforce Reduced workforce Potential to soon to be laid off 	 Employed Working remotely from home Managing work/life balance differently 	 Employed Remains in high stress environment Managing with less support than usual
What are they needing?	Grief & Resource Support	Change Management Support	Trauma & Crisis Support
What they are dealing with?	 loss of normalcy loss of control loss of job or reduced income loss of stability possibly not the only person in their home experiencing this 	 managing work and life differently sharing household space working without normal supplies/accommodations reduced ability to focus survivors guilt 	 on the job trauma exposure to illness fear for safety fear for families safety increased work demand frustration potential shortage of workforce
Level of Risk to Mental and Physical Health	Med-High	Low-Med	High
Suggested Supports	 Contact information for unemployment benefits Resource lists for local food banks and assistance Tip sheets on how to work through grief and change 	 Education on adjusting Flexibility for adjustment periods Logistical and tech support Regularly scheduled check ins 	 Psychological First Aid Frequent check ins Peer Supports Professional Support Individually Critical Incident Support as a Group
Self-Help Focus	The Resilience Journey at www.southwesteap.com	Time Management & Managing Change Courses at www.southwesteap.com	Relaxation Techniques Mindfulness Techniques at southwesteap.com or Crisis Support 800-777-1797
Additional things to watch out for:	 Difficulty making decisions and feelings of depression Anticipatory grief that manifests into anxiety 	 Lack of ability to adjust time and stress management manifesting in low production, feelings of inadequacy and burnout 	 Build up of anxiety/fear without intervention manifesting into panic attacks

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