

## **Subject: CISA Continues to Support Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19**

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Critical Infrastructure Partners and Colleagues

As the nation continues to respond to the pandemic, it is important that considerations regarding essential critical infrastructure workers continue to inform response policies and activities. The ability of these workers to perform their jobs safely is critical to our nation's ability to maintain resilience of National Critical Functions.

It is for this reason that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is re-promoting its [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidance, Version 4.0](#) for COVID-19 response. This version is intended to help state, local, tribal, and territorial officials and organizations protect their workers and communities, and ensure the continued safe and secure operation of critical infrastructure. The guidance identifies the universe of essential workers that may require specialized risk management strategies to help them work safely.

[As the nation enters a new phase of pandemic response – where vaccines are available in very limited supply, and where infection rates are driving the continued application of public health measures in communities – we encourage state and local health officials to use this guidance to support COVID-19 vaccine prioritization planning.](#)

CISA will continue to work with partners in the critical infrastructure community to update and promote the guidance as needed. For more information on the [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance](#) or CISA's response efforts to COVID-19, please visit [www.cisa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cisa.gov/coronavirus).

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