

# Have you been exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace?

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Contact WSIB to make sure you get the compensation that you're entitled to.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace:

- Visit [wsib.ca](http://wsib.ca) and fill out a Workers' Exposure Incident Form (form 3958A).

If you been diagnosed with COVID-19 after an exposure in the workplace:

- Visit [wsib.ca](http://wsib.ca) and fill out a Form 6
- Request that your doctor complete a Form 8 with the COVID-19 diagnosis and submit it to WSIB.

**Can't find the correct forms?**

**Ask your union representative to help you file your claim with WSIB.**

## WSIB Benefits and COVID-19

COVID-19 falls within the definition of an occupational disease. Therefore, where a worker contracts COVID-19 at work and is sick, they should be entitled to WSIB compensation.

### Criteria for WSIB benefits

- You must be diagnosed with COVID-19;
- Exposure leading up to diagnosis must have occurred at workplace or was a significant contributing factor to the risk of contracting the illness, beyond that faced in the community at large.

### Why apply for WSIB benefits?

- You are entitled to them
- WSIB benefits may be greater than EI or the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit
- WSIB benefits can be combined with other benefits provided by your Collective Agreement
- WSIB benefits do not have a set expiry date, you can receive them as long as you are unable to work due to an illness contracted on the job.

### Further notes on reporting a COVID-19 diagnosis to WSIB

A WSIB claim should be filed as soon as possible and no later than 6 months from the date you discover you have the disease. The longer one takes to file a claim, the harder it will be to show a connection between the work and the illness.

The WSIB does not provide coverage for people who are symptom-free even when quarantined or sent home on a precautionary basis. However, should someone who is symptom-free develop symptoms or illness while on quarantine, they may be eligible for WSIB coverage from when the quarantine began.

A member who is laid off and later develops symptoms of COVID-19 from workplace exposure can file a WSIB claim if they believe the source of the illness was work.

For more information: [wsib.ca/en/faqs-about-wsib-claims](http://wsib.ca/en/faqs-about-wsib-claims)