# COLORADO

Labor Laws

## Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Labor Standards & Statistics

- oyers cannot provide time off ("comp time") instead of time-and-a-half premium pay for overtime hours
- Modified overtime in a small number of health care jobs; exemption for certain heavy vehicle drivers

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**COLORADO OVERTIME & MINIMUM PAY STANDARDS** ORDER ("COMPS Order") #39, POSTER & NOTICE

### new poster available each December

## Violation of notice of rights rules (posting or distribution), including by providing information undercutting this poste

- Immigration status is irrelevant to these labor rights: the Division will not ask or report status in investigations or ruling and it is illegal for anyone to use immigration status to interfere with these rights (Wage Protection Rule 4.8)

translations, questions, or complaints, contact:

Colorado Workplace Public Health Rights Poster PAID LEAVE, WHISTLEBLOWING, & PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

## THE HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES ACT ("HFWA"): Paid Leave Rights Coverage: All Colorado employers, of any size, must provide paid leave

Department of Labor and Employmen

mployees are required to be paid their regular pay rate during leave, and the employer must continue their benefits Jp to 48 hours of unused accrued leave carries over for use during the next year. or details on specific situations (irregular hours, non-hourly pay, etc.), see Wage Protection Rule 3.5, 7 CCR 1103-

ll employees earn 1 hour of paid leave per 30 hours worked ("accrued leave"), up to 48 hours a veai

- Jp to 80 hours of supplemental leave applies in a public health emergency (PHE), until 4 weeks after the PHE ends. $^st$ Employees can use accrued leave for the following safety or health needs:
- mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition that prevents work, including diagnosis or preventive care; omestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment leading to health, relocation, legal, or other services needs; caring for a family member experiencing a condition described in category (1) or (2)
- rieving, funeral/memorial attendance, or financial/legal needs after a death of a family member lue to inclement weather, power/heat/water loss, or other unexpected occurrence, the employees needs to either (a)
- vacuate their residence, or (b) care for a family member whose school or place of care was closed; *or*
- otice for "foreseeable" leave. Employers may adopt "reasonable procedures" in writing as to how employees nould provide notice if they require "foreseeable" leave, but **cannot deny paid leave** for noncompliance with such a

Iritten notice and posters. Employers must (1) provide notice to new employees no later than other onboarding

- An employer can require documentation to show that accrued leave was for a qualifying reason only if ve was for four or more consecutive work days (i.e. days when an employee would have worked, not calendar
- ork or seperates from work (whichever is sooner). **No documentation can be required for PHE leave.** employee may provide: (1) a document from a health or social services provider if services were received and a cument can be obtained in reasonable time and without added expense; otherwise (2) the employee's own writing. under (1) above (e.g. legal or shelter services provider) or (2) above, or legal document (restraining order, police report,
- f an employer reasonably deems an employee's documentation deficient, the employer must: (A) notify ne employee within seven days of either receiving the documentation or the employee's return to work or separation whichever is sooner), and (B) give the employee at least seven days to cure the deficiency. **mental Use.** Depending on employer policy, employees can use leave in either hourly or six-minute increment

**Employee Privacy**. Employers cannot require employees to disclose "details" about an employee's (or their family's) HFWA-related health or safety information; such information must be treated as a confidential medical record. amount of paid leave employees have (1) available for use, and (2) already used during the current benefit year. including any supplemental PHE leave. Information may be requested once per month or when the need for HFWA

Ipdated July 14, 2023

may be updated periodically

- Paid leave cannot be counted as an "absence" that may result in firing or another kind of adverse action An employee can't be required to find a "replacement worker" or job coverage when taking paid leave. An employer cannot fire, threaten, or otherwise retaliate against, or interfere with use of leave by, an employee who: (1) requests or takes HFWA leave: (2) informs or assists another person in exercising HFWA rights: (3) files a HFWA complaint; or (4) cooperates/assists in investigation of a HFWA violation.
- If an employee's reasonable, good-faith HFWA complaint, request, or other activity is *incorrect*, an employer need not agree or grant it, but cannot act against the employee for it. Employees can face consequences for

### PROTECTED HEALTH/SAFETY EXPRESSION & WHISTLEBLOWING ("PHEW"): Norker Rights to Express Workplace Health/Safety Concerns & Use Protective Equipment Coverage: All Employers and Employees, Plus Certain Independent Contractors

### PHEW covers not just "employers" and "employees," but all "principals" (an employer or a business with at least 5 independent contractors) and "workers" (employees or independent contractors working for a "principal").

- It is unlawful to retaliate against, or interfere with, the following acts raising reasonable concerns, including informally, to the principal, other workers, the government, or the public, about workplace violations of government health or safety rules, or a significant workplace health or
- opposing or testifying, assisting, or participating in an investigation or proceeding about retaliation for, or A principal need not address a worker's PHEW-related concern, but it still cannot fire or take other action against the worker for raising such a concern, as long as the concern was reasonable and in good-faith
- A worker must be allowed to voluntarily wear their own PPE (mask, faceguard, gloves, etc.) if the PPE (1) provides **nore protection** than equipment provided at the workplace, (2) is **recommended** by a government health agenc
- (federal, state, or local), and (3) does not make the worker **unable to do the job**
- Report violations to the Division as complaints or anonymous tips, or file in court after exhausting pre-lawsuit
- s Poster summarizes two Colorado workplace public health laws: C.R.S. § 8-13.3-401 et seg., (paid leave), and C.R.S. § 8-14.4-101 et seg. (healthy and safety whistleblowing) including amendments current as of the date of this poster. It does not cover ther health or safety laws, rules, and orders, including under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), or from local public health agencies. Contact those agencies fo such health and safety information. \*In a PHE, employees gain additional hours of leave for inability to work, testing, quarantining, caring for family in such situations, and related needs. No PHE is now in effect; this poster will be updated if one is declared.
  - This poster must be displayed where easily accessible to workers, shared with remote workers, provided in other languages as needed, and replaced with any annually updated versions This Poster is a summary and cannot be relied on as complete labor law information. For all rules, fact sheets, translations, questions, or complaints, contact DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS & STATISTICS, ColoradoLaborLaw.gov, cdle\_labor\_standards@state.co.us

## **NOTICE TO WORKERS**

## YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE:

Employment Security Act

- Properly classified as an employee or an independent contractor

## **EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO POST THIS NOTICE**

Colorado Law Prohibits Discrimination in

# provision would result in an undue hardship on the employer's busines

employer shall not discharge, discipline, discriminate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with an employee or person due to an inquiry, disclosure or discussion

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vw.colorado.gov/cdle/labor **NOTICE OF PAYDAYS** 

ccordance with 8-4-107, C.R.S Every employer shall post and keep posted conspicuously at the place of work if practicable, or otherwise where it can be seen as employees come or go to their places of work, or at the office or nearest agency for payment kept by the employer a notice specifying the regular paydays and the time and place of payment, in accordance with tl ly periods can be no greater duration than a calendar month or 30 days, whichever is longer. Paydays must occur no later than 10 days following the close of each pay period.

EMPLOYEES ARE PAID ON REGULAR PAYDAYS AS FOLLOWS:

# iis form is provided as a courtesy by the Colorado Division of Labor Standards and Statistics. Other Notice of Paydays Posters may be acceptable provided that they contain the elemen

### **2023 FAMLI Program Notice** Insurance Program (FAMLI)

The employee share of FAMLI premiums is set at 0.45% of employee wages through 2024. For 2025 and beyond, the director of the FAMLI Division sets the premium rate according to a formula based on the monetary value of the fund each year. Employers with a total of ten or more employees nationwide must

- also contribute an additional 0.45% of wages for a total of 0.9%, but employer with nine or fewer employees are only responsible for sending the 0.45% employee share to the FAMLI Division. Starting in 2023, employers may begin deducting up to 0.45% from employees' wages for FAMLI contributions. This can be done through a simple payroll deduction, and employees will notice the deduction on their regular paychecks. Employers are responsible for collecting those deduction: and sending them into the FAMLI Division on behalf of their employees once a
- enefits start January 1. 2024 Starting in 2024, paid family and medical leave benefits are available to mos Colorado employees who have a qualifying condition and who earned \$2,500 The qualifying conditions for paid family and medical leave are
- Caring for a new child during the first year after the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of that child. Caring for a family member with a serious health condition. Caring for your own serious health condition. Making arrangements for a family member's military deploymen

FMLA, then the leave will also count as FMLA leave used.

- ed emplovees are entitled to up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave per year. Individuals with serious health conditions caused by pregnancy omplications or childbirth complications are entitled to up to 4 more weeks of aid family and medical leave per year for a total of 16 weeks. Leave may be taken continuously, intermittently, or in the form of a reduced
- Leave will be paid at a rate of up to 90% of the employee's average weekly wage, based on a sliding scale. Employees may estimate their benefits by using You don't have to work for your employer a minimum amount of time in orde o qualify for paid family and medical leave benefits. If FAMLI leave is used for a reason that also qualifies as leave under the federa

FAMLI benefits, but they are not required to do so. Employers and employees may mutually agree to supplement FAMLI benefits with sick leave or other paid time off in order to provide full wage replacement. Employees will not be able to file for benefits until the last guarter of 2023

- Employees or their designated representatives apply for FAMLI benefits by submitting an application, along with required documentation, directly to the FAMLI Division. Employers cannot make employees apply for FAMLI benefits. Applications may be submitted in advance of the absence from work, and in some circumstances, they may be submitted after the absence has begun. Approved applications will be paid by the FAMLI Division within two weeks after ne claim is properly filed, and every two weeks thereafter for the duration of Employees can appeal claim determinations to the FAMLI Division. Individuals who attempt to defraud the FAMLI program may be disqualified from receiving benefits
- mployers must maintain health care benefits for employees while they are on AMLI leave, and both the employer and the employee remain responsible for paying for those benefits in the same amounts as before the leave began. An employee who has worked for the employer for at least 180 days is entitled to return to the same position, or an equivalent position, upon their return from
- letaliation, Discrimination, and Interference Prohibited Employers may not interfere with employees' rights under FAMLI, and may not discriminate or retaliate against them for exercising those rights. Employees who suffer retaliation, discrimination, or interference may file suit in court, or may file a complaint with the FAMLI Division.
- ther Important Informatio STATE OF COLORADO Employees and employers are encouraged to report FAMLI violations to the FAMLI Division.

## **NOTICE**

IF YOU ARE INJURED ON THE JOB, YOU HAVE RIGHTS UNDER THE COLORADO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. YOUR EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO HAVE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. THE COST OF THE INSURANCE IS PAID ENTIRELY BY YOUR EMPLOYER. IF YOUR EMPLOYER DOES NOT HAVE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE, YOU STILL HAVE RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR YOUR EMPLOYER TO HAVE A POLICY CONTRARY TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE COLORADO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. YOUR EMPLOYER IS

(Please write or type your insurance carrier name and contact information here.)

IF YOU ARE INJURED ON THE JOB, NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE, AND REPORT YOUR INJURY TO YOUR EMPLOYER IN WRITING WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE INJURY. IF YOU DO NOT REPORT YOUR INJURY PROMPTLY, YOU MAY STILL PURSUE A CLAIM.

ADVISE YOUR EMPLOYER IF YOU NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT. IF YOU OBTAIN MEDICAL CARE, BE SURE TO REPORT TO YOUR EMPLOYER AND HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER HOW, WHEN, AND WHERE THE INJURY OCCURRED.

YOU MAY FILE A WORKER'S CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION WITH THE DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION. TO OBTAIN FORMS OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM, THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE DIVISION OF WORKERS' **COMPENSATION IS:** 

Division of Workers' Compensation 633 17th Street, Suite 400 **Denver, CO 80202** 

303-318-8700 1-888-390-7936 (Toll-Free) cdle.colorado.gov/dwc

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