Ways You Can Protect Your Employees During COVID-19

COVID-19 is a new virus that spreads easily from person to person.
- If your employee is sick with the virus, they can easily spread it to your customers and other employees, getting them sick.
- You can take proactive steps to reduce spread at your business. These include disinfecting, wearing masks, physical distancing, and allowing sick employees to stay home.

Some of your employees may get sick while at work. You should take steps to protect them, your other employees, and customers.
- If an employee develops symptoms while at work, they should go home immediately. Your employee should quarantine at home.
- To stop the spread of COVID-19, regularly clean and disinfect the workplace.
- If you identify an employee with COVID-19, contact your local health department for guidance.

Keeping sick people away from healthy people is one of the best tools we have to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- If your employee tests positive for COVID-19, they should stay in isolation until cleared by public health or a medical provider to return to work. Current CDC recommendations are to remain in isolation until:
  - They do not have a fever (temperature below 100.4°F).
  - They are no longer experiencing symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, runny nose, muscle pain, headache, or new loss of taste or smell.
  - These symptoms are gone for at least one day (24 hours) without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
  - Ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- If your employee is in close contact with someone sick with COVID-19, your employee should stay home in quarantine for 14 days past the last day of contact with the sick person.

Allowing your employees to remain home while sick or after being exposed to a sick person will lead to a safer and more productive workforce.

Additional Resources:
- Additional steps you can take to keep yourself healthy https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm