



National Safety Council Safe Actions For Employee Return (SAFER) Task Force Purpose and Objectives

Purpose

The manner in which employers safely navigate the changed world of work will define our response to the public health crisis we currently face as a nation. The SAFER Task Force was created to ensure worker safety during this time and to deliver on two critical needs facing the United States:

1. consolidated, data-driven guidance and recommendations for safe return to and continuation of work
2. a trusted voice looking across industry, government, labor, healthcare, trade association, and other key stakeholder needs

Objectives

The core objective of the SAFER Task Force is sustainable safe operations for employers and workers across the United States in a post-pandemic environment. While what this entails is ever-evolving, the short and medium-term objectives are clear:

1. **Best Practices** - Aggregate and analyze current practice and guidance from the business and public health communities, including from global organizations who are operating safely in other parts of the world
2. **Data Driven Guidance** - Develop and publish regularly updated data-driven guidance and recommendations for safe return to and continuation of work, both broadly and relative to specific risks, industries, or conditions as they emerge
3. **Tools & Solutions** - Provide employers the tools and solutions they need to take action in complicated and challenging times, with simple, practical implementation resources
4. **Expertise** - Engage a group of industry, government, labor, healthcare, trade association, and other key stakeholder representatives to contribute to the above body of knowledge and amplify our collective voice
5. **Business Continuance** - Advocate for and influence sound decision-making related to safe return to and continuation of work at the state and federal levels

In the longer term and as preparation for future pandemics, the SAFER Task Force will seek to capture the systemic changes and lessons learned from this crisis. This may include broader reports, guidance, or recommendations as appropriate.