



Milwaukee Area Compensation Association

## Virtual Roundtable – 3

Covid-19 from a Benefits / Compensation Perspective

3.31.2020

# Hazard Pay Survey Results

Five companies responded.

Results:

Three of the survey participants said that they are not implementing extra hazard pay due to the pandemic.

One company is considering:

Overtime paid at 2X vs 1.5X

\$50/shift incentive for picking up unstaffed shifts

\$100/shift incentive if covering shift where resident has confirmed positive for COVID-19

One survey participant noted that Chipotle in MN is paying 10% premium during the pandemic.

# Additional information from Internet search last week (shared on March 25, 2020):

- 1) Found an article saying senators were urging Jeff Bezos/Amazon to pay his warehouse employees time and a half "hazard pay". Yikes! Article about Amazon: <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/20/senators-to-bezos-give-amazon-warehouse-workers-sick-leave-hazard-pay.html>
- 2) Safeway: national announcement from Safeway of hazard pay. And we are happy that our work with Kroger over recent days has led their announcement for hazard pay for workers as well. The additional Kroger benefits include:
  - A total Hazard Pay of \$300 for those working full time. A total Hazard Pay \$150 for those working less than full time. This hazard pay would be paid in early April.
- 3) Albertsons: thousands of grocery store workers in Southern California received good news: The Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions supermarket chains agreed to pay employees \$2 more per hour.
- 4) Trader Joe's and Walmart employees have received bonuses, while Target, Whole Foods, Amazon, and the Texas grocery store chain H-E-B are offering \$2 per hour raises. The Southern California United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) local unions, which represent more than 60,000 grocery store employees, are also in talks with chains Ralphs and Stater Bros. to give workers "hazard pay" as they continue to interact with the public.
- 5) Several networking groups were throwing ideas around regarding hazard pay. The dollar amounts varied from \$1.00 - \$5.00 per hour, a flat rate (\$50+), or a percentage of pay. They are using a temporary or other code in payroll. Most seemed to follow shift premium policies. They seemed to agree that a sunset date should be transparent in the communications.

# Complimentary Toolkit

<https://www.mranet.org/resource/contagious-diseases-and-pandemic-toolkit>



## Complimentary Toolkit



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### Contagious Diseases and Pandemic Toolkit

This toolkit will help you inform your employees on best practices to help stop the spread of common illnesses such as the flu, as well as preparing for a pandemic.

Additional State links have been provided to help you stay on top of the current status of public health, along with resources on the latest Coronavirus (COVID-19).

#### Policy and Form Samples

- [Communicable Disease Policy](#) – MRA
- [Infectious Diseases Business Continuation Plan](#) – MRA

#### Responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- [Guidance for Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease](#) – CDC
- [Coronavirus Q&A for Employers](#) – MRA
- [Communication Sample Memo to Employees](#) – MRA
- [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\): What You Should Know](#) - CDC

#### Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- [Hot Topic Survey: Coronavirus Impact: What Employers Are Doing](#) - MRA
- [Paying Employees During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) - MRA
- [COVID-19: Wage and Hour Questions and Answers](#) – DOL
- [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#) – OSHA
- [Plan Now for Coronavirus to Avoid Disruptions and Promote Safe Practices](#) – CCH Wolters Kluwer



## Complimentary Toolkit Continued

#### Layoff/Closing Plans Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- [Letter to Employee: Layoff or Closing Due to Coronavirus](#) – MRA
- [Tips for Conducting a Remote Layoff](#) – MRA
- [Employee Reminders During COVID-19 Layoff or Shutdown](#) - MRA
- [Layoff Toolkit](#) - MRA

#### What To Do When Employee Tests Positive For Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- [Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Test – 10 Steps for Employers](#) – MRA
- [Letter to Employee – Potential Work Exposure to COVID-19](#) – MRA

#### Employee Informational Posters

- [Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease Poster](#) - GovDocs
- [Coronavirus Handouts and Posters](#) – CDC
- [Handwashing Posters](#) – CDC
- [Health Promotion Materials](#) - CDC
- [Cover Your Cough Poster \(Available in several languages\)](#)
- [Did You Wash Your Hands? \(English\) \(Spanish\)](#)

#### Preparing for a Pandemic

- [Workplace Safety and the Flu](#) - OSHA
- [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for an Influenza Pandemic](#) - OSHA
- [What Employers Can Do to Protect Workers from Pandemic Influenza](#) - OSHA
- [Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disability Act](#) - EEOC
- [Preparing for a Pandemic](#) - MRA

#### Preventing the Flu

- [Seasonal Flu Information](#) - CDC
- [What's New with the Flu?](#) - CDC

#### Midwest State Health Resources

[Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)  
[Minnesota Department of Health](#)

[Illinois Department of Public Health](#)  
[Iowa Department of Public Health](#)

#### Midwest State Unemployment Benefits Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Layoffs

[Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development](#) | [Illinois Department of Employment Security](#)  
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[Coronavirus fallout revives talk of 'universal basic income'](#)

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## If you're 'essential' enough to work through a coronavirus pandemic, you're essential enough to be paid living wage

*March 31, 2020*

My first trip to Trader Joe's since the start of California's coronavirus lockdown had all the trappings of order and security. A polite line formed out front, with everyone keeping a respectful and socially distant 6 feet apart. No more than 50 people were allowed in the store at the same time. A worker squirted a dollop of sanitizer into the hands of each and every shopper entering the store. Another wiped down the handles of each shopping cart before use. [READ MORE](#)

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## Coronavirus Stimulus, Executive Compensation, and Share Repurchase

*March 30, 2020*

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Los Angeles Times • Matthew Fleischer, Los Angeles Times Opinion • March 30, 2020



An employee of the Trader Joe's store in Monrovia tells customers waiting in line that it would open doors to everyone at 9 am. (Los Angeles Times)

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## Other Questions

# Comments

- New Legislation questions/understanding
  - \$600 extra (thru July 31<sup>st</sup>) plus regular unemployment; will people want to come back to work. Making more unemployed. Possible 2 month period where people will not go look for jobs.
  - Could be until the money runs out.
  - Rena to find a speaker for next week.
  - Wisconsin is \$370/week maximum? Is this the additional or regular? This is the regular amount we think. Kirsten from Uline confirmed.

Uline is doing Crisis Pay Premium. \$5/hour

Walkouts? Should we do something? We can keep gathering the data. More employees will refuse to go to work.

Johnson Controls (Blake) – talked about the LOCATION SPECIFIC communication and actions.

Visual Meetings are becoming more the norm. Remote work weekly check-ins. Getting a pulse on the emotional side of it. People need to show productivity. How do we gauge this?

Daily communications are helping.

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