

California Senate Bill 1159 Implementation

Nationwide Insurance is committed to providing support to our members with the ever-changing environment in California. SB 1159 adds reporting obligations to the employer as outlined in section 3212.88. We have thoroughly researched the new bill to develop a workflow to assist our Policyholders with reporting all non-industrial as well as industrial positive Covid-19 cases for their employees.

When a Policyholder learns that an employee has tested positive for Covid-19, even if the employee is not alleging an industrial exposure, the Policyholder must notify their claim administrator of this event **within 3 business days**. To ensure compliance with this law, please complete the attached Reporting Form and email it to these contacts:

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Nationwide will retain this information for use in determining if an outbreak existed at any of the Policyholder's locations to evaluate the applicability of the rebuttable presumption under 3212.88.

If the employee is alleging the positive test is due to an industrial exposure, in addition to the reporting form, please submit a workers' compensation claim in the normal fashion.