New California Workers’ Compensation Reporting Requirement (SB 1159)

This law imposes **immediate** new reporting requirements on employers for purposes of the Covid-19 pandemic. This change in reporting requires the employer to report work related and non-work-related cases between July 6, 2020 – September 16, 2020 by October 29, 2020.

SB 1159 requires changes in what and how you report positive Covid-19 cases. When an employer knows or reasonably should know that an employee has tested positive for COVID-19, the employer must report certain information to its claims administrator. An employer, or other person acting on behalf of an employer, may be subject to civil penalties of up to $10,000 for intentionally submitting false or misleading information, or for failing to submit information when reporting. To comply with this new reporting requirement Church Mutual has modified its reporting protocols of Covid-19 cases. All other claims should be reported as they have been reported in the past. For California Covid-19 cases, do not use Medcor’s Nurse Hotline. Follow the protocols below, to comply with SB 1159.

**If you are notified of a Covid-19 diagnosis that is not alleged to be work related:**

For each case, complete a separate SB 1159 form, attached, and send to [Claimsintake@churchmutual.com](mailto:Claimsintake@churchmutual.com).

**If you are notified of a Covid-19 diagnosis that is alleged to be work related by the employee:**

1. Complete SB 1159 form that is attached.
2. Complete [Form 5020](https://www.churchmutual.com/3279/California-Workers'-Compensation-Forms) — Employer's Report of Occupational Injury or Illness.

For each case, complete **both** forms and email to [Claimsintake@churchmutaul.com](mailto:Claimsintake@churchmutaul.com)

**If you previously reported a Covid-19 claim, after July 5th, and the SB 1159 form has not been completed:**

Complete the SB 1159 form and send to [Claimssupportcompliance@churchmutual.com](mailto:Claimssupportcompliance@churchmutual.com). Follow this process for each case of this type. **Be sure to include the claim number on the SB 1159 form**.

If you have any questions, please contact your Agent or Broker.