## EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE

## **Relationship-Driven Results**

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## San Diego County Requires Businesses to Post Social Distancing Protocols and Public-Facing Employees to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Effective at midnight on Friday, April 3, 2020, the San Diego County Public Health Officer amended her previous order dated March 27, 2020 (the "March 27 Order") to add further provisions for businesses still in operation and employees interacting with the public. Pursuant to the amendment ("the Amended Order"), all businesses that remain in operation in accordance with the March 27 Order and that allow members of the public to enter a facility must prepare and post – no later than 12:00 a.m. on April 7, 2020 – a "Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol" for each facility in the county that is open to the public. This protocol must be posted at or near the entrance to the facility and must be easily viewable by the public and employees. Employees who work at the facility must also be provided with a copy of the protocol. The protocol must ensure that all required measures are implemented at each facility and that such measures will ensure proper social distancing and sanitation at each facility. The county has published a template that businesses may use as a model Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol. This template is available by <u>clicking here</u>.

Moreover, effective at midnight on Saturday, April 4, 2020, all employees who may have contact with the public in any grocery store, pharmacy/drug store, convenience store, gas station, restaurant, or any other business establishment that serves food must wear a cloth face covering. Attached to the Amended Order is a copy of guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health regarding the use of face coverings. To view a copy of the Amended Order, please <u>click here</u>.

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