

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services



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OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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Dear Stakeholders:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Workers' Compensation implemented new policies to address health concerns and facilitate the needs of the residents of the District of Columbia. To maintain a balance and meet the demands of our residents, the Office of Workers' Compensation adopted policies to continue to provide services to our residents. As such, the District of Columbia's Department of Employment Services General Announcement, dated April 22, 2020, which provided that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the declaration of a State of Emergency by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, permitted the Office of Workers' Compensation to conduct informal conferences telephonically exclusively and accept supporting evidence via email.

On July 25, 2021, the Mayor of the District of Columbia ended the public health emergency in response to the coronavirus and subsequently ended the mask mandate on March 1, 2022. The Mayor of the District of Columbia has declared an end to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response and opened the Government without restrictions including mask mandates. At this time, the Office of Workers' Compensation has fully complied to meet the needs of our constituents. As such, the Office of Workers' Compensation will return to the practice of conducting in person informal conferences and will dispense of the practice of accepting filings via email. This will enhance and facilitate our obligations to the residents of the District of Columbia. At this point, we will no longer accept email filings and anticipate parties will either participate in person or telephonically for Informal Conferences moving forward. The Office of Workers' Compensation is now located at 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., First Floor Service Center, Washington, DC 20024. The mailing address is 4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office on (202) 671-1000.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mohammad R. Sheikh".

Mohammad R. Sheikh
Deputy Director, Labor Standards Bureau