FFCRA

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

LA County Employee Packet

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FFCRA

ELIGIBLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

About FFCRA

Congress recently passed the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* (FFCRA), which provides new emergency paid sick leave and childcare leave for employees affected by COVID-19 from **April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021**.

The County is allowing many of its eligible employees to telework during this public health crisis. If employeees are not able to work or telework due to COVID-19 related issues, as detailed below, then this new federal benefit may be a valuable option for you.

The County of Los Angeles has granted COVID-19 Discretionary Leave to employees from 11 departments which provide essential services to our constituents. For the list of departments, please refer to Page 2 in this packet.

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FFCRA LEAVE BENEFITS

FFCRA At-A-Glance

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May be used on a continuous or intermittent basis

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Must be used from Apr 1, 2020 to Mar 31, 2021 Does not carry over

Unused leave balances will not be cashed out for any reason

Summary of FFCRA Leave Benefits

Leave Benefit	Hours	Pay Rate	Qualifying Reason Unable to work or telework because employee:
Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) - For Self -	**Full Time** 2 weeks (up to 80 hours) **Part Time** 2 weeks based on average actual hours worked	Full Employee's Regular Pay Rate $511/day Max $5,110 in Total	Is under federal, state, or local quarantine order related to COVID-19. **OR** Has been advised to self-quarantine by a health care provider due to concerns related to COVID-19. **OR** Is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis.
Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) - For Others -	**Full Time** 2 weeks (up to 80 hours) **Part Time** 2 weeks based on average actual hours worked	2/3 of Employee's Regular Pay Rate $200/day Max $2,000 in Total May not use accrued leave to supplement the 1/3 unpaid portion	Is caring for an individual* subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order OR has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19. **OR** * An individual (18+) can be a family member, or someone who is unable to care for themselves, AND genuinely needs care from employee. Is caring for a child (or disabled adult child) whose school or child care provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19. **OR** Is experiencing any other substantially similar condition as specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Treasury and Labor Departments.
Emergency Family & Medical Leave (EFML) - For Child -	**All Employees** Must be employed by the County for at least 30 calendar days May qualify for up to 12 weeks	First 2 weeks - Unpaid 10 weeks - 2/3 of Employee's Regular Pay Rate $200/day Max $10,000 in Total May not use accrued leave to supplement the 1/3 unpaid portion	Is caring for a child (or disabled adult child) whose school or child care provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19. EFML does not provide employee with another 12 weeks in addition to the 12 weeks under "Classic" FMLA. EFML provides an additional qualifying reason to take the pre-existing FMLA leave benefit, but with 10 weeks partially paid. If an employee has already exhausted their 12 weeks of "Classic" FMLA leave this year, then the employee will NOT be provided with an additional 12 weeks even if impacted by COVID-19.

How to Apply?

Eligible employees may request a leave of absence related to COVID-19 under the FFCRA, which includes leaves that may be taken under the *Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act* (EPSL) and/or the *Emergency Family and Medical Leave* (EFML) Expansion Act.

To request these leaves, employees are to complete:
REQUEST FORM FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Related to COVID-19)

Employees are to submit the completed request form to their department's Human Resources Office. If employee does not know how to reach their HR Office, they should contact their supervisor or department's Administrative Services for assistance.

The employee may submit an unsigned completed form as an attachment from employee's work or personal email address, and it will be deemed as his or her certification of the information listed in the form. Unsigned request forms received from an email address other than the employee's will not be accepted.

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REQUEST FORM FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Related to COVID-19

In order to be eligible for this leave, you must meet the requirements in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Employee Name (Last, First):	Employee Number:
Department:	
Employee Information	
Payroll Title:	
Personal E-mail Address	Work E-mail Address
Home Telephone	Cell Telephone
Supervisor Information	
Name	Title
E-mail Address	Work Telephone

Section 1: Employee Leave Request

1. I am requesting the following leave (check all that apply):

☐ **Emergency Paid Sick Leave.** *If requesting this leave, complete Section 2.*

Requested Start Date:	Requested End Date:

Type of Leave Requested (check one):

☐ Continuous
☐ Intermittent. Please provide details of requested leave schedule:

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☐ **Expanded Family & Medical Leave.** *If requesting this leave, complete Section 3.*

Requested Start Date:	Requested End Date:

Type of Leave Requested (check one):

☐ Continuous
☐ Intermittent. Please provide details of requested leave schedule:

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Section 1 (continued)

2. I currently have, or have had within the last twelve months, approval for FMLA leave time? (Yes/No): _____

3. Check one of the following

☐ This is my initial leave request.

☐ This is a supplemental request to extend previously requested and approved leave.

SECTION 2 – EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE (EPSL)

Check in left column all qualifying reasons for leave request.

☐ 1. I am subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19.

A. Provide Government Agency that issued the order:

☐ Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
☐ State of California, Governor's Office
☐ Other: _____

☐ 2. I have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19.

A. Provide name of health care provider that advised self-quarantine:

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☐ 3. I am experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and am seeking a medical diagnosis.

A. Provide name of health care provider that will be providing medical diagnosis:

_____

☐ 4. I am caring for an individual who is subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19, or who has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19.

A. Provide Name of Individual Being Cared For and their relationship to you:

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B. Provide Government Agency that issued the order:

☐ Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
☐ State of California, Governor's Office
☐ Other: _____

C. Provide name of health care provider that advised self-quarantine:

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Section 2 (continued)

☐ 5. I am caring for my son/daughter* whose school or place of care has been closed, or whose child care provider is unavailable, due to COVID-19 precautions; and there is no other suitable person to care for my son/daughter.

A.1 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

A.2 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

A.3 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

☐ 6. I am experiencing a substantially similar condition specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Treasury and Labor Departments.

Provide specified substantially similar condition: _____

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SECTION 3 – EXPANDED FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE

Check in left column all qualifying reasons for leave request.

☐ 7. My son or daughter's school or place of care has been closed due to COVID-19; and there is no other suitable person to care for my son/daughter.

A.1 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

A.2 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

A.3 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

Section 3 (continued)

☐ 8. My son or daughter's care provider is unavailable due to COVID-19; and there is no other suitable person to care for my son/daughter.

A.1 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

A.2 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

A.3 Provide Name of Child(ren) Being Cared For:_____

Provide Name of School/Care Center/Care Provider that is closed or unavailable due to COVID-19:_____

*"son or daughter" includes someone:

A) under 18 years of age, or
B) 18 years of age or older who (1) has a mental or physical disability, and (2) is incapable of self-care because of that disability

Certification: I am unable to work or telework and hereby request leave/approved absence from duty as indicated above and certify that such leave/absence is requested for the purpose(s) indicated. I understand that I must comply with my employing department's procedures for requesting leave/ approved absence (and provide additional documentation, including medical certification, if required) and that falsification of this form may be grounds for disciplinary action, including discharge. I understand and fully acknowledge that, should an overpayment occur, I am required to repay the number of hours of paid leave I was not entitled to.

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Employee Signature Date

Privacy Act

Section 6311 of Title 5, United States Code, authorizes collection of this information. The primary use of this information is by management and your payroll office to approve and record your use of leave. Additional disclosures of the information may be: to the Department of Labor when processing a claim for compensation regarding a job connected injury or illness; to a State unemployment compensation office regarding a claim; to Federal Life Insurance or Health Benefits carriers regarding a claim; to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency when your agency becomes aware of a violation or possible violation of civil or criminal law; to a Federal agency when conducting an investigation for employment or security reasons; to the County of Los Angeles Department of Human Resources or the Chief Executive Office when the information is required for evaluation of leave administration; or the Internal Services Department in connection with its responsibilities for records management.

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☐ Approved as requested by employee.

☐ Request is approved with the following modification:

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☐ Request is NOT approved.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE DATE

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DEPARTMENT HEAD/DESIGNEE NAME

DISCRETIONARY LEAVE

ELIGIBLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Discretionary Leave

The County of Los Angeles has granted COVID-19 Discretionary Leave to employees from 11 departments which provide essential services to our constituents. For the list of departments, please refer to Page 2 in this packet.

The discretionary leave is not a protected leave. Employees must be pre-approved by their Department Head or designee(s) to use the discretionary leave.

The use of discretionary leave without pre-approval from the employee's Department Head may result in administrative action.

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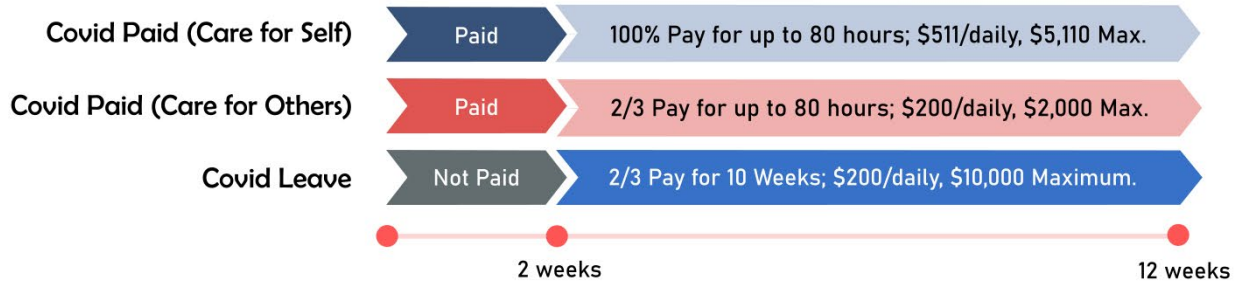
DISCRETIONARY LEAVE BENEFITS

Covid Leave At-A-Glance



Usage of Covid Leave does not affect Sick Buyback

May use Covid Paid Leave Concurrently with Covid Leave if qualified for both

May not use accrued leave to supplement the 1/3 unpaid portion

May be used on a continuous or intermittent basis

Must be used from Apr 1, 2020 to Mar 31, 2021 Does not carry over

View calculated leave hours on ESS Leave Balances

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Summary of Covid Leave Benefits

Leave Benefit	Hours	Pay Rate	Qualifying Reason Unable to work or telework because employee:
Covid Paid Leave - For Self -	**Full Time** 2 weeks (up to 80 hours) **Part Time** 2 week based on average actual hours worked	Full Employee's Regular Pay Rate $511/day Max $5,110 in Total	Is under federal, state, or local quarantine order related to COVID-19 **OR** Has been advised to self-quarantine by a health care provider due to concerns related to COVID-19 **OR** Is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis
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Covid Leave - For Child -	**All Employees** Must be employed by the County for at least 30 calendar days May qualify for up to 12 weeks	First 2 weeks - Unpaid 10 weeks - 2/3 of Employee's Regular Pay Rate $200/day Max $10,000 in Total May not use accrued leave to supplement the 1/3 unpaid portion	Is caring for a child (or disabled adult child) whose school or child care provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19. Covid Leave does not fall within FMLA, and does not reduce employee's available FMLA hours. Approval of an employee's request for this leave is within the discretion of the Department Head or their designee(s).

How to Apply?

The 11 essential County departments' employees may request a leave of absence related to COVID-19 under the new County discretionary leave. The request is subject to the approval of the Department Head or designee(s).

To request these leaves, employees are to complete:
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2021
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In order to be eligible for this leave, you must meet the requirements in the discretionary leave being requested.

Employee Name (Last, First):	Employee Number:
Department:	

Employee Information

Payroll Title:	
Personal E-mail Address	Work E-mail Address
Home Telephone	Cell Telephone

Supervisor Information

Name	Title
E-mail Address	Work Telephone

Section 1: Employee Leave Request

1. I am requesting the following leave (check all that apply):

☐ **COVID Paid Leave.** *If requesting this leave, complete Section 2.*

Requested Start Date:	Requested End Date:

Type of Leave Requested (check one):
- ☐ Continuous
- ☐ Intermittent. Please provide details of requested leave schedule: _____

☐ **COVID Leave.** *If requesting this leave, complete Section 3.*

Requested Start Date:	Requested End Date:

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Section 1 (continued)

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☐ Approved as requested by employee.

☐ Request is approved with the following modification:

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☐ Request is NOT approved.
This employee works for a department which has been excluded from FFCRA leave, and the request cannot be approved at this time due to the immediate business needs of the department.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE DATE

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DEPARTMENT HEAD/DESIGNEE NAME