

Dear Valued Clients:

The Department of Industrial Accidents has updated their injury codes on certain DIA forms to include the Covid-19.

The new codes include a Cause of Injury code (83) for Pandemic and a Nature of Injury code (83) for Covid-19.

The Mass General Laws ch. 152 already included infectious or contagious diseases under its definitions of a personal injury. The new codes reflect the new reality of the pandemic caused by Covid-19. Employees are still obligated to prove that they were infected or exposed to Covid-19 in the course and scope of their employment.

If you have any questions regarding the new injury code, or on any matters for the defense of your workers' compensation cases, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[https://www.wcio.org/Active%20PNC/WCIO\\_Cause\\_Table.pdf](https://www.wcio.org/Active%20PNC/WCIO_Cause_Table.pdf)

[https://www.wcio.org/Active%20PNC/WCIO\\_Nature\\_Table.pdf](https://www.wcio.org/Active%20PNC/WCIO_Nature_Table.pdf)

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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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