WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?
The 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new virus strain that hasn’t been identified before in humans. It can resemble common cold symptoms initially, but it can escalate to more serious respiratory disease.

HOW EXPOSED ARE WE?
Infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, most commonly spread from an infected person to others. Only a few cases have been confirmed in the United States, thus most workers here are not exposed to this virus.

IMPACT ON WORKERS
As we spend most of our public lives at work, all workers will need guidance on assessing their risk of exposure. Those who work in frontline healthcare and transportation industries may be at the highest risk, while others will be at lower risk.

PROTECTING OURSELVES
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible. Stay home if you are sick
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; germs spread this way
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.

HEALTH RIGHTS AT WORK
Your employer is responsible for providing (1) training about exposure routes and protective measures and (2) relevant personal protective equipment, as well as for record-keeping of workers who suspect work-related exposure and infection.

DISCRIMINATION AT WORK
It’s against the law for a worker to be profiled and discriminated against based on their race, ethnicity, or nationality. Watch out for inaccurate information, racial profiling, and other actions not related to evidence-based prevention.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKPLACE

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