COVID-19 and the New World of Data Privacy: Key Strategies to Navigate the Pandemic in the Workplace

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#### Introduction



### Today's Panelists



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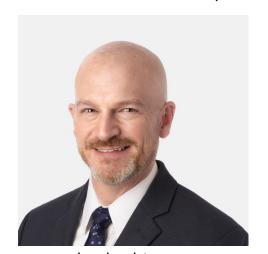
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### Agenda



- Temperature Screening Process and Test Results
- Considerations when Utilizing On-Site Medical Clinics
- Data Privacy and Cybersecurity
- Return to Work Overview of Issues on the Horizon

#### Part One



# Temperature Screening Process and Test Results

- ADA Confidentiality and Record Keeping
- HIPAA or not it depends
- Technology available to assist
- Security issues
  - Biometric screening versus temperature
  - CCPA and other possible special notices

# Temperature Screening Process and Test Results

- HIPAA privacy and security as it relates to employer sponsored group health plans
- Special privacy, security, and safety considerations for employers' on-site medical clinics or outsourced COVID-19 test administrators
- Latest Trends on Return-to-Work policies and procedures
- Retirement Plan-related insurance coverage best practices that may limit new cybersecurity and cybercrime exposure

#### Temperature Screening Process and Test Results

- Again, generally, employers are not "covered entities" and are therefore not subject to HIPAA when acting as an employer.
- Employers have concerns under HIPAA if they sponsor a group health plan and receive PHI from the plan.
- In light of the health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, employees with access to PHI should be reminded of their responsibilities under HIPAA.
- Employers *should not* review health plan claims data to try to determine which employees (or dependents) have filed claims for testing or treatment related to COVID-19. This violates the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and OCR has not issued any COVID-19 waivers for health plans.
- Employers with on-site clinics or certain on-site health services must consider when "covered entity" status applies.

#### Part Two



# Considerations When Using Onsite Medical Clinics

- Key design features
- Regulatory and licensing considerations
  - Data sharing with employer
  - Possible reporting obligations
- Risk-management with regard to protection of data
- PPEs for screeners
  - Outside vendors

#### Part Three



### Data Privacy and Security

- Threats due to Teleworking:
  - Malware
  - Ransomware
  - Business Email Compromise
  - Phishing
  - Video Teleconferencing Exploitation
- Solution: Employee Training



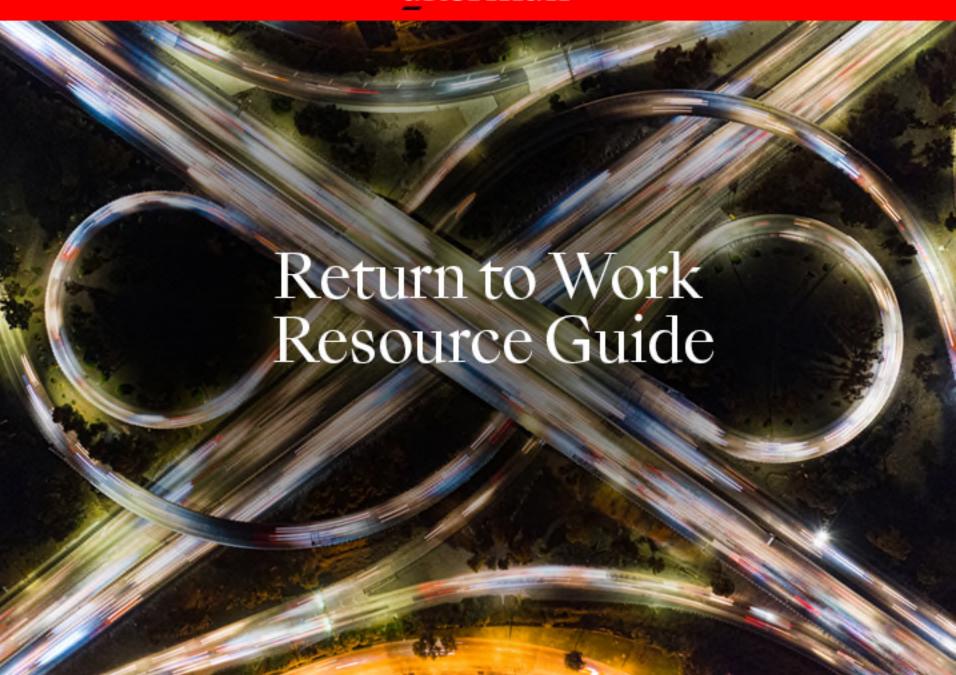
#### Part Four



# Return To Work-Issues on the Horizon

- Communicate the Changes
- Health Plan Issues
- Telehealth Issues
- Privacy and Security Issues

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