Protecting Frontline & Essential Workers from COVID-19 in L.A. County: Public Health Councils

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Free Webinar featuring

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The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities for frontline, low-wage, and immigrant workers across a variety of industries and sectors. Although occupational exposures have been suspected of driving high rates of COVID-19 infections and deaths in many communities, Los Angeles has been one of the few counties in the U.S. to make detailed data on worksite outbreaks publicly available -- and to adopt innovative worker-led measures to promote COVID-19 safety at workplaces in highly impacted sectors.

This webinar will examine the impacts of COVID-19 among frontline and essential workers in Los Angeles County and will discuss a Public Health Councils initiative that brings together worker organizations, public health department representatives, and academic partners to support workers in monitoring and enforcement of COVID-related health officer orders. Presenters will describe how the program came about and ongoing program efforts to support workers in forming public health councils at their worksites. They will also consider lessons learned from this groundbreaking initiative that can serve as a model to inform similar worker-led measures even beyond the pandemic.

Webinar participants seeking continuing education units (CEU)s will be able to:
- Describe characteristics of workplace COVID-19 outbreaks in Los Angeles County.
- Comprehend functioning of worker-led Public Health Councils model.
- Identify COVID-19 risk factors and preventive measures for frontline and essential workers.

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