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Two Free Webinars Offered to Help Eastside Employers Prepare Their Workplace and Workforce for the anticipated statewide June 30, 2021 reopening.

With Governor Inslee’s announcement that the state is moving toward a statewide reopening date on June 30, 2021, many organizations are reviewing plans to return to their physical offices. After navigating a remote workforce for just over a year, employers face the unique challenge of preparing both their workplace and their workforce.

The uncertainty of the “new normal” is forcing employers to consider various new policies as employees return to the workplace. To properly navigate the complexities of these COVID-19 employment issues, you need innovative, practical solutions. OneEastside SPARK is offering free webinars to provide the guidelines and tools employers will need to reopen successfully.

Return to Work For Employers: Preparing the Workplace and Workforce

- Thursday, June 17, 2021, 10 am - 11 am
- Hosted by Kristina Hudson, CEO, OneRedmond
- Program speaker: Jane Bilbe, President, Society for HR Management (SHRM) – Seattle Chapter and Senior Vice President of Operations and Organizational Health, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber

This program will provide employers with the information needed to prepare their workplace and meet the need of employees for the anticipated state-wide reopening on June 30, 2021. Learn more and register to attend the free webinar live on June 17th or watch a video later -

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8AwqI_WBRCG0O6Dc1wpsFg

Discussion topics include:

- Safety protocols in the workplace.
- Strategies for communicating the transition with your workforce and your legal obligations for accommodations.
- Preparing vaccination policies for an in-person workplace.
- Reasonable accommodation obligations.

Washington State Reopening: What You Need to Know

- Thursday, June 24, 2021, 1 pm – 3 pm
- Hosted by Kristina Hudson, CEO, OneRedmond
- Program speakers: Diane Agasid Bondoc, REHS/RS, Community Migration and Recovery – COVID 19 Response, King County Public Health; John Stebbins, Lead Industrial Hygiene Technical Specialist on COVID-19, Washington State L&I, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)

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This program will review current reopening guidance to help employers successfully prepare for reopening. Discussion topics include:

- Employer obligations under the new Washington State safe workers proclamation.
- Washington State's new screening guidance.
- Whether to implement an employee and customer mask policy.
- How to handle the intersection of vaccinated and unvaccinated employees.

OneEastside SPARK

OneEastside SPARK was formed to support East King County business and non-profit recovery from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic while expanding resiliency building efforts. OneEastside SPARK works in collaboration with East King County's 23 cities and towns, chambers of commerce, non-profits, and state and county government, building tools to address key areas of need amongst small businesses and non-profits as they evolve. OneEastside SPARK is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

For more information visit <https://oneeastside.org/spark>.

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