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CDC Official Provides Employers COVID-19 Update (March 19, 2020)

Nancy Messonnier, MD, Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Disease, said the level of disruption caused by COVID-19 will depend on our ability to work together to bend the curve.

LVBCH and the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions invited member employers to participate in a 30-minute webinar on Thursday, March 19. Dr. Messonnier updated employers and answered several questions. She instructed employers to discourage their employees from going to healthcare facilities unless they were seriously ill. Those who are healthy should “ride it out at home.”

She gave employers several tips, including the following: the following guidance:

- Consider updating policies on telecommuting
- If possible, encourage employees to work from home for as long as possible
- Ask employers not to purchase masks so they are available for healthcare workers

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