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What's New

May 2020

Annual Health and Productivity Forum in September is Going Virtual

As COVID-19 continues to reshape how businesses operate around the globe, ensuring workforce safety and health has become top priority across all industries. More critical than ever, collaborating with leaders and peers in the field of health and productivity will be extremely valuable in adapting to upcoming changes as the economy reopens. The Forum annually convenes more than 500 thought leaders, employers, and their industry partners to explore innovative solutions in managing the “whole picture” of health, wellbeing, productivity and business performance. This year, the Forum will take place online the week of September 14, allowing for increased accessibility to all presentations, exhibit hours, and more. Further information to follow.

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Harmonizing Patient Outcomes and Employer Health Strategies

Thomas Parry, PhD, president of the Integrated Benefits Institute, and Bruce Sherman, MD, medical adviser for the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions shared their thoughts on how employers can better align their interests in patient-centered outcomes with their benefits planning objectives. The commentary, published in Human Resource Executive, draws from the results of a survey of 200+ employers which found that patient-centered needs are important goals of employer health programs and

employers; that employers tend to focus internally—both with data and expertise—in making decisions; and that more could be done with current health programs to effectively meet patient-centered needs.

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Latest Research Publications and Presentations from IBI



Interactive Map: Projected COVID-19 Employer Paid Leave Costs by State and Metro Area

On Wednesday, May 20, IBI Research Director Brian Gifford presented a walkthrough of IBI's latest analytics tool that estimates employee absence costs due to COVID-19 across states and counties. The interactive map allows interested parties to account for

geographic variation in COVID-19 cases, employment patterns, industry mix, and wages.

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IBI Benchmarking Analytics: Short-Term Disability Incidence Rates Across Demographic Groups

Several members have asked for information about short-term disability (STD) incidence rates among different demographic groups and for specific diagnoses. This analysis, using [IBI's Disability and Leave Benchmarking system](#), provides a look into claim rates by different age and sex combinations based on the national representation of employees in different industries.

[View the Report](#)



Making a Culture of Health Actionable for Employers

IBI reviewed existing peer-reviewed research literature to find a positive association between a culture of health in the workplace and employee engagement in health promotion programs. Based on those studies, 14 experts were convened to provide guidance to employers and are outlined in the brief. On May 12, IBI hosted a webinar to discuss the research findings and guidance as well as discuss how strategies and attention have shifted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Blog

Considerations for Employers as Social Distancing Recommendations Continue

By: Nicole Nicksic, Researcher

A century has passed since a pandemic with the magnitude of COVID-19 has occurred. As of this writing, COVID-19-related deaths in the U.S. are predicted to surpass 100,000 by the beginning of June...

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Research Review

Snapshot from the latest [IBI Research Review](#):

CDC Report Reveals Higher Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19 in People

with Underlying Health Conditions [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#)

Patients with diabetes, chronic lung disease, or heart disease were at higher risk for severe respiratory infection with COVID-19. Medical histories were documented for 7,162 (5.8%) COVID-19 cases in the U.S., which determined that underlying health conditions or risk factors for severe respiratory infection were present in more than...

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