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Colleagues,

Every worker deserves a job with healthy and safe working conditions. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus, however, has demonstrated that for far too many people this is not the reality. The pandemic has created a new set of workplace hazards, forcing many people looking for work to make difficult choices between providing for their families and protecting their health and the health of their loved ones. As businesses reopen, more people are reentering jobs that pose risks. And these risks are not distributed equally. Due to factors rooted in structural racism, Black, Indigenous, and workers of color performing critical services during the pandemic are both more likely to experience the health consequences of the virus and to be concentrated in jobs with greater exposure.

Serving as intermediaries between workers and employers, workforce development professionals have a crucial role to play in strengthening workplace health and safety during and after the pandemic. In a new brief, "[An Equity Imperative: How the Workforce System Can Advance Workplace Health and Safety During and After Pandemic](#)," Amanda Newman of the Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program highlights key ideas for how the workforce development system can promote workplace health and safety during the pandemic. This brief also includes ideas for public and philanthropic funders who seek to support the workforce development field to advance workplace health and safety.

Across the country, workforce development leaders strengthened existing strategies and considered new approaches to help workers protect themselves on the job. Professionals on the front lines of connecting people to work – from caseworkers to job developers to program directors – can learn from their approaches to inform their own strategies. Practices strengthened during the pandemic can set the foundation for safer, fairer, and more equitable working conditions that support more workers to thrive. [Click here to read more.](#)

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