



Town of Southern Shores

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The Town provides eligible employees with emergency paid sick leave and emergency FMLA leave under certain conditions as required by the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act. These are two separate forms of leave that in some cases are governed by different rules, as set forth below.

Eligibility

All classes of employees are eligible for emergency paid sick leave and emergency FMLA leave. All employees are eligible for emergency paid sick leave under this policy regardless of the length of their employment. To be an “eligible” employee for purposes of emergency family or medical leave available under this policy, the employee must have been employed by the Town for at least 30 calendar days before requesting the leave and be fully vaccinated or provide proof from a doctor of a medical reason for not being vaccinated by 9/17/21.

A. Reason for Emergency Paid Sick Leave

You may take Emergency Paid Sick Leave if you are unable to work (or telework, if allowed) due to a need for leave because:

1. You are subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19;
2. You have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19;
3. You are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and are seeking a medical diagnosis;
4. You are caring for an individual who is subject to an order as described in 1, above or who has been advised to quarantine or isolate due to concerns related to COVID-19;
5. You are caring for your own child (i) because their school or place of care is closed, or (ii) because your child’s childcare provider is unavailable, due to COVID-19 precautions; or
6. Obtaining a COVID-19 vaccination;
7. Recovering from an injury, disability, illness or condition related to COVID-19 vaccination; or

8. Seeking or awaiting results of COVID-19 testing or diagnosis because either the employee has been exposed to COVID-19 or the employer requested the test or diagnosis.

Duration/Compensation

Employees are entitled to Emergency Paid Sick Leave:

- **Full-time employees:** Up to 80 hours of pay for non-exempt employees, two weeks of pay for exempt employees, or a two-week equivalent of pay for police, at their regular pay rate. However, when caring for a family member (for reasons 4 or 5 above), Emergency Paid Sick Leave is paid at two-thirds the employee's regular rate.
- **Part-time employees:** Emergency Paid Sick Leave provided under this Policy is calculated based on the number of hours the employee works, on average, over a two-week period. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the two-week period used will be the two full weeks immediately preceding the date the leave is requested.
- Paid leave under this shall not exceed \$511 per day (\$5,110 in total) where leave is taken for reasons 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8 described above (generally, an employee is unable to work because of their own illness or quarantine); or \$200 per day (\$2,000 in total) where leave is taken for reasons 4 or 5 (where the employee is unable to work due to a need to care for others or school closures).

Leave Rules

- You may elect to use Emergency Paid Sick Leave before using any accrued paid leave. You are not required to use any other paid leave before using Emergency Paid Sick Leave.
- No leave provided by the Town before April 1, 2020 may be credited against your leave entitlement. In addition, Emergency Paid Sick Leave provided under this Policy cannot be carried over after December 31, 2020 and will not be paid out upon termination.

Requesting Emergency Paid Sick Leave

- If you need to take Emergency Paid Sick Leave, provide notice as soon as possible. Normal call-in procedures apply to all absences from work. You are not required to search for or find a replacement employee to cover the hours during which you are using leave under this policy.

B. Reason for Emergency FMLA Leave

An eligible employee is entitled to Emergency FMLA Leave if the employee is unable to work (or telework, if allowed) due to a need for leave to care for their own child < 18 y.o. because the school or childcare facility for the child has been closed due to public health emergency, or because the childcare provider of such child is unavailable due to a public health emergency.

C. Reason for Emergency FMLA Leave

You may take Emergency FMLA Leave if you are unable to work (or telework, if allowed) due to a need for leave because:

1. You are subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19;
2. You have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19;
3. You are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and are seeking a medical diagnosis;
4. You are caring for an individual who is subject to an order as described in 1, above or who has been advised to quarantine or isolate due to concerns related to COVID-19;
5. You are caring for your own child (i) because their school or place of care is closed, or (ii) because your child's childcare provider is unavailable, due to COVID-19 precautions; or
6. Obtaining a COVID-19 vaccination;
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8. Seeking or awaiting results of COVID-19 testing or diagnosis because either the employee has been exposed to COVID-19 or the employer requested the test or diagnosis.

Duration/Compensation

- No pay is available for first 10 days of leave unless the employee elects to substitute any accrued vacation leave, sick leave or Emergency Sick Leave.
- After 10 days, part-time and full-time employees will receive two-thirds of the employee's regular rate of pay for the number of hours they would normally be scheduled to work, capped at \$200/day and \$10,000 total.

Leave Rules

You may elect to use any accrued paid leave during the first 10 days of Emergency FMLA Leave.

Requesting Emergency FMLA Leave

Where the need for Emergency FMLA Leave provided for in this policy is foreseeable, the employee must provide their supervisor with as much notice of the leave as is practicable.

Job Restoration

The return to work provision of the Town's FMLA Leave policy shall apply to an employee who takes Emergency FMLA leave under this policy.

D. General Provisions

Retaliation

The Town will not retaliate against any employee who requests or takes Emergency Paid Sick Leave or Emergency FMLA Leave in accordance with this policy.

Expiration

This policy and the leave options provided by it expires on December 31, 2020. On January 5, 2021, Town Council renewed this policy and the leave options provided by it until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adopted by Wes Haskett, Interim Manager 3/30/20

By Town Council on 4/7/20

Council approved updates to policy on 4/13/21, with a retroactive date of 4/1/21

