



CPS Insider: The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Today Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and we anticipate that the bill will be signed into law by President Trump.

The bill includes a number of provisions designed to provide relief, including paid leave, to workers as they deal with the challenges that have come with the COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges can range from actually contracting the disease to those associated with caring for children as they are out of school for extended periods of time. The bill also provides details on how employers can recoup the additional costs of employer-paid leave through tax credits.

Through the Church Alliance, we have been following this bill as it was drafted and passed. It provides some relief to our workers as they deal with these challenging times. [You can read a high-level overview of the bill here](#), but in short it addresses:

- Emergency Paid Sick Leave
- Emergency Family and Medical Leave (including paid leave)
- Tax Credits for Paid Sick and Paid Family and Medical Leave
- Emergency Unemployment Insurance
- Coronavirus Testing

We'll provide more detailed information as it becomes available. God bless you as we work together to care for the ministries and members of the LCMS.

Blessings,

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