

# **PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS**

## **COVID-19 IS COVERABLE BY THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT**

- The Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act (Act) covers all injuries, diseases, and illnesses which occur during the course and scope of employment.
- To be covered under the Act, you **MUST** provide **NOTICE** that: (1) you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and (2) it was due to your exposures on the job.
- The Employer **MUST** let the you know whether it will accept (Notice of Compensation Payable), temporarily accept (Notice of Temporary Compensation Payable), or deny (Notice of Compensation Denial) the claim within 21 days of you providing notice.
- If you do not receive a response **OR** the claim is denied, you must file a Claim Petition to protect your potential right to important wage loss and/or medical benefits.
- **IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL claims for COVID-19 should be filed as there is no way to know the long-term physical and/or financial impact that the virus could have on you or your family.**
- Willig, Williams and Davidson is working with UFCW Local 1776 during this crisis to ensure that all claims are properly handled. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights with regard to your employment and COVID-19, please contact the Head of our Workers' Compensation Department, Michael G. Dryden, Esq., at 215-656-3645 or [mdryden@wwdlaw.com](mailto:mdryden@wwdlaw.com).