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**eTime Guide for Timekeepers and Approvers**

**New Pay Code: 2021 COVID Leave Instructions**

- Open the employee’s timesheet.
- Click the “+” to add a row for the desired day.
- From the Pay Code dropdown select “2021 COVID Leave Temp”

For the reasons provided below 2021 COVID Leave may **ONLY** be used in **full-day** increments. *If the absence is child-care related go to next bullet point.*

1. Employee is diagnosed COVID-19 positive and is subject to a quarantine or isolation order,
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3. Employee is a close contact with an infected individual within their own household and is subject to a quarantine order,
4. Employee is a close contact with an infected individual outside their household (including worksite exposure) and is subject to a quarantine order,
5. Employee received a COVID-19 vaccination within the last two weeks (14-day period) and is experiencing side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine,
6. Employee has been instructed by a COVID-19 Support Program case manager to isolate or quarantine for any other reason not referenced above.

- If the absence is for child-care reasons (see below) enter then number of hours an employee missed.  

  1, 3 The time must be taken in no less than 1-hour increments.

  o Employee is caring for a child(ren) under 18 years old whose physical school building or place of care has been closed, or the childcare provider of child(ren) is unavailable, due to COVID–19 precautions.

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