



MRA collected employer insights for the sixth Hot Topic Survey in a weekly series from April 17-21. Survey findings focus on continued approaches as well as next steps to transition into the future.

Continued Approach

Long-term Implications

Concern in this period continues at a heightened level, similar to last week's results, yet substantially different than concern in mid-March.



Guidance & Protection – Face Protection

This week's survey shows more employers are providing/requiring/encouraging employees to wear face masks (76%).







Guidance & Protection – Temperature Screenings

Employers taking employee and visitor temperatures is growing.

		April 10-14	April 17-21
Employee	Not taking temperature of employees Required or encouraged to take temperature and/or complete questionnaire regarding temperature	61% 46%	60% 49%
Visitor	Not taking temperature of visitors Required or encouraged to take temperature and/or complete questionnaire regarding temperature	48% 18%	51% 20%
?	Other* *Visitors not permitted; thermometers on back order	20%	19%

Note: Multiple answers can total more than 100%

Workplace Realities

Hazard & Appreciation Pay

Organizations that have taken temporary actions regarding Hazard or Appreciation Pay offer several tactics to recognize employees.

Hazard Pay

12%	88%
Yes	No

- **47%** Pay \$1–3 more per hour temporarily
- **18%** One-time cash bonus
- **8%** Pay \$4–6 more per hour temporarily
- 6% Cash bonuses at various intervals
- **4%** Gift cards
- **4%** Pay more per hour or in base pay ongoing
- **2%** Pay \$7–10 more per hour temporarily
- **0%** Pay 100% of insurance premiums
- 29% Other*

Appreciation Pay

26%	74%
Yes	No

- **35%** One-time cash bonus
- 24% Gift cards
- **15%** Cash bonuses at various intervals
- **13%** Pay \$1–3 more per hour temporarily
- **4%** Pay \$4–6 more per hour temporarily
- **2%** Pay more per hour or in base pay ongoing
- **1%** Pay \$7–10 more per hour temporarily
- **1%** Pay 100% of insurance premiums
- 31% Other*

*Active in evaluated strategies

Note: Multiple answers can total more than 100%





Moving Business Forward

While looking to the future, organizations are reviewing their workforce planning options.

Workforce Planning – Currently

50% maintaining current workforce; **28%** hiring; **20%** temporarily laying off or furloughing employees; and **2%** permanently reducing workforce by terminating employees.

Training/Professional Development – Important Right Now



Recruitment/Hiring Plans – In Next 90 Days*







Transitioning to the Future

Taking a deeper dive into key areas of planning, specific tactics and insights emerge around safety, human resources, and business workforce planning.

	Safety
65%	Creating work protocol following CDC recommendations (e.g. calling-in if sick, distancing, eliminating handshakes, cleaning workspaces, monitoring and following up on concerns)
64%	Modifying cleaning protocols
58%	Reviewing workspace considerations or facility planning to allow physical/social distancing to continue (e.g. work floor, office and cubicle layouts; conference, meeting or training rooms; break areas; common spaces)
51%	Reviewing personal protective equipment options (e.g. masks, face shields, partitions)
46%	Purchasing a supply or determining if a supply of personal protective equipment (e.g. masks, face shields, partitions) is available for companies to purchase

Human Resources

- **57%** Reassessing continuation of remote work options
- **53%** Considering how attendance, remote work, travel and other policies may be relaxed in the coming months to allow employees flexibility
- **46%** Reviewing jobs that can (and should) be done from home to maintain physical/social distancing
- **42%** Planning for accommodating employees who need to remain home due to underlying health issues
- **36%** Establishing guidelines for accommodating working parents when schools/childcare is closed

Business

- **51%** Determining cost-saving measures
- **33%** Suspending attendance at conferences, events and training as a cost-savings measure
- **31%** Reviewing organization's leadership strategy (e.g. needs, readiness, pool of emerging leaders)
- **24%** Reviewing talent plan/strategy based on shifts in business goals
- 22% Not sure/Don't know





Percent of Employees You Anticipate Continuing to Work Remotely



Percent of Employees You Plan to Return to Work Right Away*



*Results proportionately adjusted given responses of 61% with no layoffs, likely applicable to manufacturing/essential businesses

Conclusion

The future of work demands flexibility, agility, thoughtful planning, and implementation of a return to work transition strategy.

To understand results over the past six weeks and to offer key insights for strategically planning a path forward, MRA will next publish a summary of results, focusing on data themes across the surveys. MRA's commitment remains to help your organization emerge stronger.





Demographics

Survey participation remains strong, aligning with characteristics of MRA's membership: nearly 50/50 manufacturing and non-manufacturing (with a plus or minus 3% margin of error), and employers of 500 or fewer employees.

Size of Organization



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