

Cook County Department of Public Health



Third Quarter Report 2020

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COVID-19 Response: Workplace Violations and Enforcement



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CCDPH's COVID-19 Response

- Surveillance
- Infection Control
- Contact Tracing
- Workplace Safety
- Alternative Housing
- Community Engagement
- Communications

Investigated over 5,500 cases of COVID-19, providing guidance regarding quarantine, isolation, and prevention measures

Provided more than 200 congregate settings with ongoing technical assistance and guidance

Investigated over 150 schools with a case or close contact of a case

Responded to over 10,000 inquiries via hotline, and provided 1,700 individualized public health recommendations



Why Workplaces

- Workplaces play an integral role in minimizing or increasing the spread of COVID-19
- Addressing workplace violations is part of CCDPH's overall approach in controlling the spread and mitigating the health and social impacts of COVID-19
- CCDPH has power to exercise its authority as a local health department to contain the spread of dangerous infectious diseases such as COVID-19



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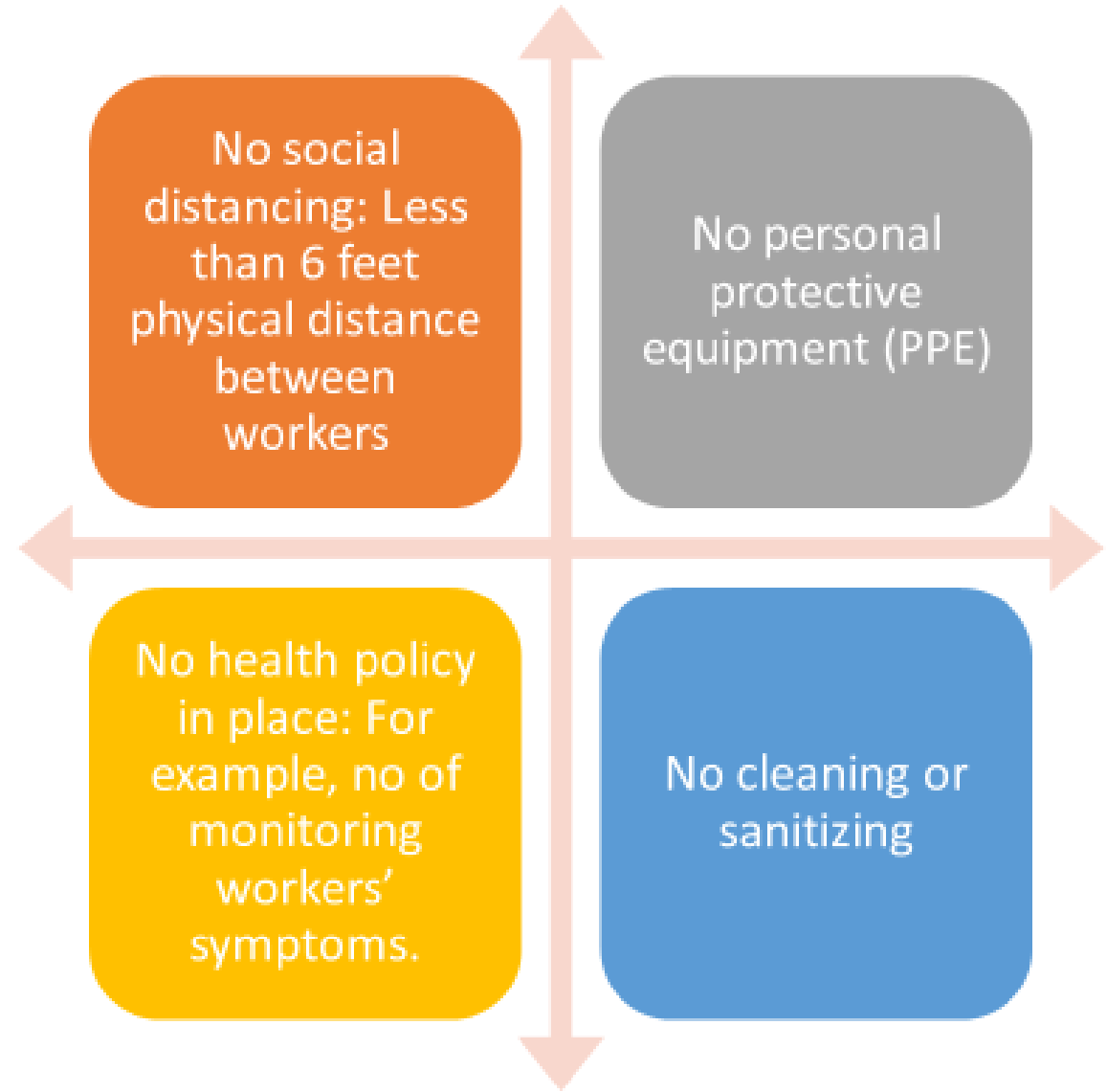
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Who Addresses Workplace Violations

- CCDPH Environmental Health Services Unit, which serves as regulatory arm of agency
- Extensive relationships with municipalities, retail food establishments & other sites
 - License and inspect all retail food facilities in unincorporated Cook County
 - Intergovernmental Agreements with 29 suburban municipalities to inspect their retail food facilities
 - Responsible for inspecting other workplaces and facilities such as swimming pools, tattoo parlors, tanning salons and other venues.
- Expertise and experience with investigating complaints including outbreaks of foodborne illnesses and “nuisance” complaints and providing technical assistance and enforcement



Violations of CDC and IDPH Covid-19 Workplace Safety Requirements



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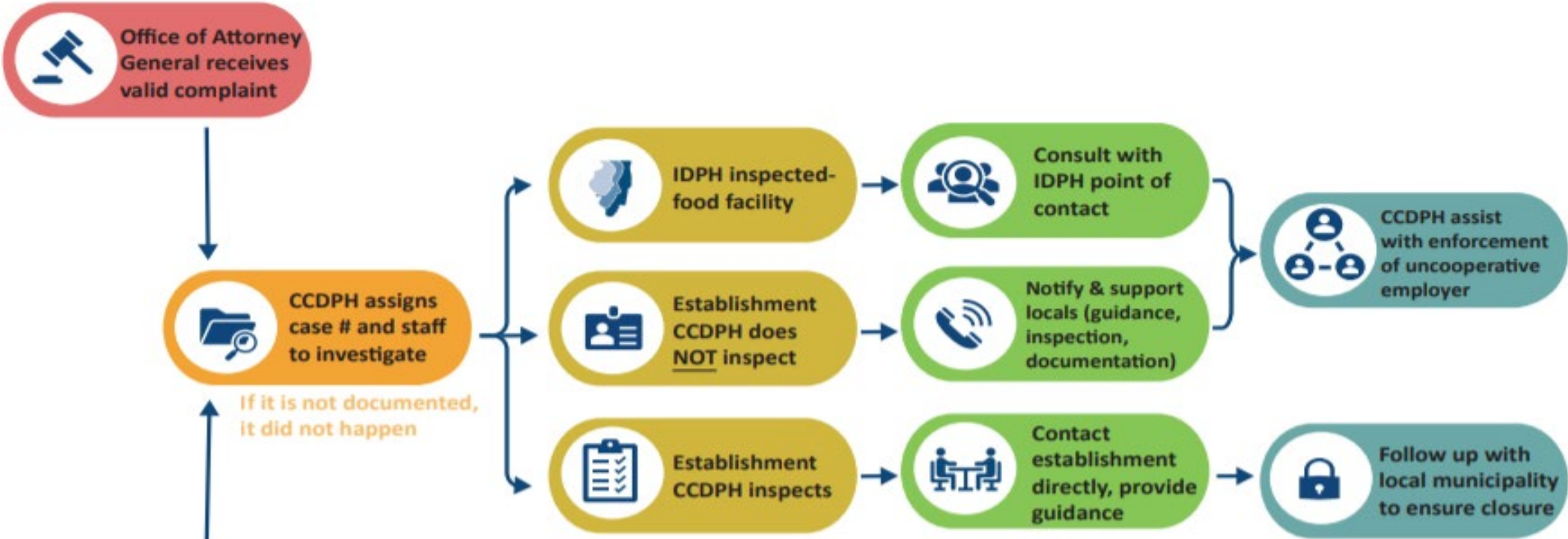


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Response to COVID-19-related Complaints

- CCDPH will:
 - Respond
 - Investigate
 - Educate
 - Enforce
- Responded to or investigated **155** food facilities with COVID-positive cases and **355** workplaces with complaints of workplace violations throughout suburban Cook County through September 30, 2020

What happens when workplace COVID-19 violation report is made?



If it is not documented, it did not happen

As per [Restore Illinois Guidelines](#)



Internal/external complaint

Phone: 708.633.3319
Email: ccdph.covid19@cookcounty.hhs.org
Monday-Friday 0900hrs -1600hrs

Law Enforcement

Partnering for compliance

- COVID Exec Order (EO) 2020-41 and COVID-19 Emergency Rule
- Public Health requirements for businesses and individuals
- Grants enforcement authority to state and local law enforcement and LHDs
- CCDPH hosted a series of webinars for law enforcement to support them in:
 - Understanding their role as defined in EO
 - Implementing enforcement actions
 - Collaborating with CCDPH for public health education and compliance assistance



Next Steps

- Continue to respond to workplace violations
- Establish and implement the Worker Protection Program as part of the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Initiative
 - Collaborate with worker-centered organizations
 - Conduct pro-active education and outreach to workplaces and workers
 - Co-design systems between CCDPH, worker-centered organizations and workers for education, reporting and compliance

Thank you. 



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