



## COVID-19 FAQ

### ***13. Does the Ryan White Act apply to COVID-19?***

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Answer: Yes. COVID-19 is explicitly covered as a disease for which the notification provisions of the Ryan White Law apply. NIOSH has updated the List of Potentially Life-Threatening Infectious Diseases to which Emergency Response Employees may be Exposed to include the addition of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. An updated CDC/NIOHS CDC guidance document also has added the definition of those covered as 'Emergency Response Employees (EREs) and includes "firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, funeral service practitioners, and other individuals (including employees of legally organized and recognized volunteer organizations, without regard to whether such employees receive nominal compensation) who, in the course of their duties, respond to emergencies in the geographic area involved. Failure to report such a condition would be a violation 42 U.S. Code § 300ff-132.