

# **COVID-19 Remote Working Policy and Agreement**

The unique public safety circumstances caused by COVID-19 have limited our ability to work in our regular work environment. To reduce the impact on our employees and our business, Pace Solano is temporarily permitting some employees to work remotely. We have created this policy to explain the Company's expectations related to remote work.

#### **Remote Work is Temporary**

Normally, the Company assesses whether an employee may work remotely based on factors like the nature of the job and the employee's performance history. Because of COVID-19, we are temporarily permitting remote work in circumstances we might otherwise not. When the Company determines that safety, business, and legal conditions favor work in your regular work location, we will discontinue remote work under this policy.

#### **Remote Work Depends on Your Job Duties**

Whether you can work remotely depends, in part, on your job duties. Although we are attempting to make this option feasible whenever we can, if your job duties are not conducive to working remotely or circumstances change, we may not be able to offer or continue this option. Alternatively, we may find it necessary to change your job duties or add additional duties so you can continue to work remotely.

#### **Performance Expectations**

When you are working remotely, it is more difficult to monitor your day-to-day work. However, we expect you to continue to work efficiently and to perform your job duties to the best of your abilities. Otherwise, we may not permit you to continue working remotely.

We understand that you may have competing personal obligations during this time, such as caring for family members. However, during work time, we expect you to devote your energies to our business. If other obligations affect your ability to meet this expectation, you must discuss them with your supervisor in advance.

#### **Remote Work Location**

To comply with current legal directives and for safety reasons, you are only authorized to work from your home, and you must provide your address and phone number to the Company so we can reach you in an emergency.

# Equipment

If you must utilize personal equipment to work remotely, we will provide you with a \$15.00 stipend to cover the business-related cost. For example, if you will use your personal computer to send emails, the stipend will cover the estimated proportionate business cost of using the computer and Internet access. The amount of the stipend may vary, depending on your duties and the equipment you will need to do your job.

If your actual expenses exceed the stipend amount, please let us know and provide supporting documentation for reimbursement. Also, if you do not have access to equipment that you need to do your job, let your supervisor know right away.

## **Working Space**

We understand that you may not have a designated working space in your home, but please make sure that wherever you work is safe (<u>e.g.</u>, no obvious hazards like loose cords, no damaged or malfunctioning equipment, etc.), and take reasonable measures to maintain the safety and security of Company information and documents. For example, if you must work from a home computer, ensure other members of your household cannot access your email (<u>e.g.</u>, do not configure settings to auto-enter passwords). If you need to discuss private client matters, ensure you are in a private location, where other members of your household cannot overhear your conversation.

# Privacy

Obviously, while you are working remotely, the Company and other entities may have access to personal information about you that you would not otherwise be required to disclose or share. For example, we may need to call you on a personal phone, or you may need to be available for videoconferences with employees or clients. Please let us know if you have concerns

## **Work Schedule**

Unless you have advance permission from your supervisor to the contrary, you are expected to be available while remote working under the same conditions as if you were working in the Company's offices (<u>e.g.</u>, on the same schedule). For safety and liability reasons, you should not leave home during your regular workday without notifying your supervisor.

Non-exempt employees must follow the Company's regular timekeeping policies and practices. In summary, you must record <u>all</u> your working time (no off-the-clock work), take your meal and rest periods at required intervals and for sufficient duration, and not work overtime without advanced permission.

Of course, falsely claiming you are working when you are not is time theft, which is prohibited by our policies, unfair to coworkers, and contrary to the Company's ethical standards.

## **Work-Related Injuries**

You must report any work-related accident, illness, or injury immediately to your supervisor, so that the Company can assist you in obtaining the workers' compensation benefits to which you may be entitled. Of course, the Company is not responsible for injuries to you or others that occur while working remotely, if they are unrelated to your work for the Company.

## **Taxes and Other Legal Restrictions**

You are solely responsible for obtaining professional advice or assistance regarding any tax-related issues related to working remotely.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the "COVID-19 Remote Working Policy and Agreement" and agree to abide by its terms. This agreement is effective 4/1/2020.

Employee Name

Program Site/Title

Employee Signature

Date

# Pace Solano

COVID-19: Remote Work Location and Schedule

Employee Name:
Program Location:
Home Address:
Personal Phone Number:
Regular Work Schedule (ex: M-F, 8am-3pm):

**Remote Work Hours:** These are the hours you expect to work every day. These should be discussed and agreed upon with your program manager.

ex: <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> <u>Wednesday</u> 9:00am-11:00am 10:30am-12:00pm 9:00am-9:30am 12:30pm-2:00pm 2:00pm-3:00pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

\*Non-exempt employees are required to complete the "Remote Work Schedule." Exempt employees must notify the Company of any regular unavailability during business hours.