

GLOBE FMLA Leave Expansion and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy (Coronavirus)

Purpose

To comply with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and to assist employees affected by the COVID-19 outbreak with job-protected leave and pay, where applicable. This policy will be in effect from April 1, 2020, until December 31, 2020. Our existing FMLA leave policy still applies to all other FMLA-qualifying reasons for leave outside of this policy.

Expanded FMLA Leave (EFMLA)

Employee Eligibility

All current employees who have been employed with GLOBE Academy for at least 30 days and are actively scheduled for work are eligible for leave under this policy.

Employees laid off or otherwise terminated on or after March 1, 2020, who are rehired on or before December 31, 2020, are eligible for leave upon reinstatement if they had previously been employed with GLOBE for 30 or more of the 60 calendar days prior to their layoff or termination.

Reason for Leave

Eligible employees who are unable to work (or telework) due to a need to care for their child when a school or place of care has been closed, or when the regular childcare provider is unavailable due to a public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.

“Child” means a biological, adopted or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis, who is:

- Under 18 years of age.
- 18 or older and incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability.

“Childcare provider” means a provider who receives compensation for providing childcare services on a regular basis, including:

- A center-based childcare provider.
- A group home childcare provider.
- A family childcare provider (one individual who provides childcare services for fewer than 24 hours per day, as the sole caregiver, and in a private residence).
- Other licensed provider of childcare services for compensation.
- A childcare provider that is 18 years of age or older who provides childcare services to children who are either the grandchild, great grandchild, sibling (if such provider lives in a separate residence), niece or nephew of such provider, at the direction of the parent.

“School” means an elementary or secondary school.

Duration of Leave

Eligible employees may be entitled to up to 12 weeks of leave to use from April 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, for the purposes stated above. This time is included in and not in addition to the total FMLA leave entitlement of 12 weeks in a 12-month period.

For example, if an employee has already taken 6 weeks of FMLA leave, that employee would be eligible for another 6 weeks of EFMLA leave under this policy.

Pay During Leave

Leave will be unpaid for the first 10 days of leave; however, employees may use accrued paid vacation, sick or personal leave during this time. The employee may also elect to use the paid leave provided under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, as further explained below. After the first 10 days, the remaining emergency leave will be paid at two-thirds of an employee's regular rate of pay for the number of hours the employee would otherwise be scheduled to work. Pay will not exceed \$200 per day and \$10,000 in total, or \$12,000 in total if using emergency paid sick leave for the first two weeks. Any unused portion of this pay will not carry over to the next year.

For employees with varying hours, one of two methods for computing the number of hours paid will be used:

- If the employee has worked 6 months or more, the average number of hours that the employee was scheduled per day over the 6-month period ending on the date on which the employee takes leave, including hours for which the employee took leave of any type.
- If the employee has worked less than 6 months, the expected number of hours to be scheduled per day at the time of hire.

Employee Status and Benefits During Leave

While an employee is on leave, the company will continue the employee's health benefits during the leave period at the same level and under the same conditions as if the employee had continued to work. While on paid leave, the employer will continue to make payroll deductions to collect the employee's share of the premium. During any unpaid portions of leave, the employee must continue to make this payment per instructions from the HR department.

If the employee contributes to a life insurance or disability plan, the employer will continue making payroll deductions while the employee is on paid leave. During any portion of unpaid leave, the employee may request continuation of such benefits and pay his or her portion of the premiums, or the employer may elect to maintain such benefits during the leave and pay the employee's share of the premium payments. If the employee does not continue these payments, the employer may discontinue coverage during the leave. If the employer maintains coverage, the employer may recover the costs incurred for paying the employee's share of any premiums, whether the employee returns to work.

Procedure for Requesting Leave

All employees requesting FMLA leave must provide written notice of the need for leave to the HR manager as soon as practicable. Verbal notice will otherwise be accepted until written notice can be provided. Please contact your HR department for an EFMLA Request form.

Notice of the need for leave must include:

- Employee's name
- Dates for which leave is being requested
- The qualifying reason for leave
- The name and age of the child or children being care for
- The name of the school, place of care, or childcare provider that closed or became unavailable due to COVID-19 reasons.
- A statement that you are unable to work or telework because of the qualifying reason; and
- A statement representing that no other suitable person is available to care for the child or children during the period of requested leave. For children over the age of 14, a statement indicating the special circumstances that require the employee to provide care during daylight hours.

GLOBE may ask for additional information as appropriate under applicable laws and regulations.

Job Protections

Subject to applicable law, an employee who takes EFMLA leave generally will be restored to the same position or a position with equivalent status, pay, benefits and other employment terms upon return from emergency leave. Retaliation against an employee for exercising his/her rights under applicable laws is strictly prohibited.

Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL)

Eligibility

All current full- and part-time employees scheduled but unable to work (or telework) due to one of the following reasons for leave:

1. The employee is subject to a federal, state or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19.
2. The employee has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19.
3. The employee is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis.
4. The employee is caring for an individual who is subject to either number 1 or 2 above.
5. The employee is caring for his or her child if the school or place of care of the child has been closed, or the childcare provider of such child is unavailable, due for reasons related to COVID-19.
6. The employee is experiencing any other substantially similar condition specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor.

“Child” means a biological, adopted or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis, who is:

- Under 18 years of age.
- 18 or older and incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability.

“Individual” means an immediate family member, roommate or similar person with whom the employee has a relationship that creates an expectation that the employee would care for the person if he or she self-quarantined or was quarantined. Additionally, the individual being cared for must: a) be subject to a federal, state or local quarantine or isolation order as described above; or b) have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine based on a belief that he or she has COVID-19, may have COVID-19 or is particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

Furloughed employees are not eligible as there is no work available from which to take leave.

Amount of Paid Sick Leave

All eligible full-time employees may be entitled up to 80 hours of paid sick leave available to use for the qualifying reasons above. Eligible part-time employees are entitled to the number of hours worked, on average, over a two-week period.

For employees with varying hours, one of two methods for computing the number of hours paid will be used:

- If the employee has worked 6 months or more, the average number of hours that the employee was scheduled per day over the 6-month period ending on the date on which the employee takes leave, including hours for which the employee took leave of any type.
- If the employee has worked less than 6 months, the expected number of hours to be scheduled per day at the time of hire.

Rate of Pay

Emergency sick leave will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay, or minimum wage, whichever is greater, for leave taken for reasons 1-3 above. Employees taking leave for reasons 4-6 will be compensated at two-thirds their regular rate of pay, or minimum wage, whichever is greater. Pay will not exceed:

- \$511 per day and \$5,110 in total for leave taken for reasons 1-3 above.
- \$200 per day and \$2,000 in total for leave taken for reasons 4-6 above.

Interaction with Other Paid Leave

The employee may use emergency paid sick leave under this policy before using any other accrued paid time off for the qualifying reasons stated above.

Employees on expanded FMLA leave under this policy may use emergency paid sick leave concurrently with that leave. Emergency paid sick leave may also be used when an employee is on leave under traditional FMLA for his or her own COVID-19-related serious health condition or to care for a qualified family member with such a condition.

Procedure for Requesting Emergency Paid Sick Leave

Employees must notify the HR manager of the need and specific reason for leave under this policy. A form can be provided to employees by the HR department. Verbal notification will be accepted until practicable to provide written notice.

The following information must be provided prior to beginning EPSL:

- Employee's name
- Dates for which leave is being requested
- Qualifying reason for the leave
- A statement that you are unable to work or telework because of the qualified reason
- Documentation supporting the qualified reason for leave including where applicable
 - name of the government entity that issued the quarantine or isolation order to which the employee or the individual they are caring for is subject to.
 - The name of the government entity that issued the quarantine or isolation order to which the employee or the individual they are caring for is subject to.
 - The name of the health care provider who advised the employee or the individual they are caring for to self-quarantine.
 - The name and relation of the individual the employee is taking leave to care for who is subject to a quarantine or isolation order or is advised to self-quarantine.
 - The name and age of the child or children being cared for; the name of the school, place of care, or child care provider that closed or became unavailable; and a statement that no other suitable person is available to care for the child during the period of requested leave.
 - For children over age 14, a statement indicating the special circumstances that require the employee to provide care during daylight hours.

GLOBE may ask for additional information as appropriate under applicable laws and regulations.

Intermittent Emergency Paid Sick Leave

Emergency paid sick leave can be used on an intermittent basis if the Employer and employee agree. An employee who wishes to use intermittent leave must request and receive written approval from HR prior to beginning EPSL. Except for employees who are teleworking, intermittent leave may only be used if the qualifying reason for the leave is to care for a son or daughter whose school or place of care is closed, or childcare provider is unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19. For non-teleworking employees, emergency paid sick leave for any other qualifying reason must be taken consecutively until the qualifying reason for leave no longer exists or the full allotment has been exhausted. For teleworking employees, intermittent leave may be used for any qualifying reason in agreed upon increments of time when the employee is unable to telework because of COVID-19 reasons.

Carryover

Paid emergency sick leave under this policy will not be provided beyond December 31, 2020. Any unused emergency paid sick leave will not carry over to the next year or be paid out to employees.

Job Protections

Subject to applicable law, an employee who takes emergency paid leave generally will be restored to the same position or a position with equivalent status, pay, benefits and other employment terms upon return from emergency leave. Retaliation against an employee for exercising his/her rights under applicable laws is strictly prohibited.

Please contact the HR department with any questions.