Returning to work.

As Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, more and more companies are requiring that employees return to work – at least in some way.

For example, some of the tech giants (Apple and others) announced that they require employees to return to the office a couple of days a week starting as early as September 2021. Yet, a lot of employees feel anxious about going back to in-person work.

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> *– McKinsey report*

According to a recent PwC survey, 70% of over 1,500 workers said that several factors hinder them from returning to work, with 51% citing fear of getting sick as their primary worry. For others, apprehension around using public transportation and the safety around business travel.

One thing is for sure – almost everyone will return to in-person work in some way or form, and the fears around it are very real. And while you might have mixed feelings and fears, there are practical ways to ease the transition back to in-person work.

Access to information

One key thing to ease fears and anxiety is to have access to the correct information when you need it. Therefore, a platform that hands all employees accurate information at the right time is paramount. This can be done in multiple ways, but often most efficiently through an Employee Safety Platform like Safeture that has built-in information and communication tools.

Small offices and co-working spaces

We who have been working from home the past year have all passively convinced many employers that big central office spaces are not needed and the hybrid working culture is the future. Therefore, some organizations may require less office space than before and can instead rent individual spaces for their employees.

As we've seen, the pandemic kickstarted the working remotely trend. This trend was already starting to emerge before COVID-19, but it's likely here to stay. A report from McKinsey found that about 20 to 25 percent of the workforces in advanced economies could work from home between three and five days a week.

'Are you OK'

That is one question that you need to know if things go south. This is an easy task if you only need answer from a handful of people, but now imagine asking all of the staff the same question. That's a challenge to do manually. Because it is unlikely that an event only affects one person at a time, **having an efficient way to get to know if someone or all of them are okay is a necessity in today's day and age.**

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