



## **World Health Network**

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World Health Network Files Complaint Against California Department of Public Health and Cal OSHA for Issuing Reduced Isolation Guidance Without Public Comment

Cambridge, MA - March 1, 2024 - The World Health Network has submitted a formal complaint to the Office of Administrative Law of California against the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Cal OSHA for violating California laws regarding the issuance of regulations without public comment.

On January 9, 2024, both CDPH and Cal OSHA issued guidance reducing isolation periods for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. The World Health Network contends that this reduction in isolation periods constitutes an "underground regulation," as it was issued without proper public comment and input.

The reduced Isolation guidance issued by CDPH and adopted by Cal OSHA applies to the vast majority of California workers and individuals, impacting public health and safety. By failing to follow the proper regulatory process, the World Health Network argues that both agencies have circumvented the essential public review and input necessary for such significant policy changes.

Furthermore, the World Health Network is deeply concerned that the new guidance reduces the protection for workers and schoolchildren, putting them at risk of more frequent infections and harm from long COVID consequences. This not only compromises their health and safety but also violates their rights to safe school and work environments.

The World Health Network urges the Office of Administrative Law to thoroughly investigate these complaints and ensure that the California Department of Public Health and Cal OSHA abide by the proper regulatory processes that safeguard public health and safety.

For more information on the World Health Network's complaint against the California Department of Public Health and Cal OSHA, please contact Yaneer Bar-Yam, co-founder of the World Health Network, [yaneer@necsi.edu](mailto:yaneer@necsi.edu).

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