

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK



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Section 1 - Welcome

1.1 History, Goals, Culture and Core Values

Moreno Staffing was founded by husband and wife team, Jose and Lucia Moreno in 2018. Our mission is to become the agency of choice providing equal opportunity to everyone without exception, and be an honest liaison between hard-working people and fast-growing businesses in the nation. Our Vision is to revolutionize the way we staff businesses and improve the perception of the staffing industry across the nation. Our Differentiator is our experience in providing in-depth understanding of the management and human resource needs that are unique to each partner organization.

Culture plays a vital role in an organization's success. We bring talent who have a passion to consistently work at superior level of work and serve each shift with excellence. Our work environment is exciting, fast-paced and team-oriented.

Our Core Values

- I. Integrity
- II. Caring
- III. Loyal
- IV. Respectful
- V. Trustworthy
- VI. Responsible
- VII. Service

1.2 Equal Opportunity Employer

Moreno Staffing, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, or any other protected status under applicable law. All employment decisions including the recruiting, hiring, transferring, and promoting of employees will be done without regard to any status protected under applicable law except where a recognized disability may preclude performance of an essential job function and no reasonable accommodation can be made. Furthermore, all personnel actions including compensation, benefits, transfers, disciplinary action, job elimination, layoff, and training will be administered without regard to any status protected under applicable law.

Moreno Staffing, LLC encourages each employee to immediately report any conduct they witness or experience which they believe constitutes employment discrimination based upon a protected group status is in violation of Moreno Staffing LLC's equal employment opportunity policy.

1.3 Employment Classifications

Each employee will be classified in one of the following categories. Wages and benefits will be offered in accordance with these classifications:

- <u>Full Time</u>: Working more than an average of 30 or more regular hours during the established seven-day work period.
- <u>Part Time</u>: Working fewer than an average of 30 or more regular hours per week but maintain a consistent weekly work schedule.
- On-Call, Contract, Temporary, Seasonal, Interns: Not assigned to a regular work schedule, instead serving on an as-needed or short-term basis.

1.4 Purpose of this Handbook

This handbook has been prepared to inform new employees of the policies and procedures of this company and to establish the company's expectations. It is not all-inclusive or intended to provide strict interpretations of our policies; rather, it offers an overview of the work environment. This handbook is not a contract, expressed or implied, guaranteeing employment for any length of time, and is not intended to induce an employee to accept employment with the company.

The company reserves the right to unilaterally revise, suspend, revoke, terminate or change any of its policies, in whole or in part, whether described within this handbook or elsewhere, in its sole discretion. If any discrepancy between this handbook and current company policy arises, conform to current company policy. Every effort will be made to keep you informed of the company's policies, however cannot guarantee that notice of revisions will be provided. Feel free to ask questions about any of the information within this handbook.

This handbook supersedes and replaces any and all personnel policies and manuals previously distributed, made available or applicable to employees.

1.5 At-Will Employment

Employment at this company is at-will. An at-will employment relationship can be terminated at any time, with or without reason or notice by either the employer or the employee. The at-will employment status of each employee cannot be altered by any

verbal statement or alleged verbal agreement of company personnel. It can only be changed by a legally binding, written contract covering employment status. An example of this would be a written employment agreement for a specific duration of time.

1.6 Annual Performance Evaluation

Full-Time employees will be reviewed on an annual basis according to a synchronized review schedule. During this evaluation, employees are eligible however not promised a pay increase according to predetermined compensation standards as well as the employee's work performance. An annual performance pay increase is not guaranteed.

Section 2 - Workplace Commitments

2.1 Equal Opportunity Employment

This company is an equal opportunity employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants for employment on the basis of an individual's race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law. This policy applies to all terms, conditions and privileges of employment, including recruitment, hiring, placement, compensation, promotion, discipline and termination.

Whenever possible, the company makes reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities to the extent required by law. Employees who would like to request a reasonable accommodation should contact *Blanca Moreno*, *HR Coordinator*.

2.2 Non-Harassment Policy / Non-Discrimination Policy

This company prohibits discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law. Each individual has the right to work in a professional atmosphere that promotes equal employment opportunities and is free from discriminatory practices, including, without limitation, harassment. Consistent with its workplace policy of equal employment opportunity, the company prohibits and will not tolerate harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law. Violations of this policy will not be tolerated.

Discrimination includes, but is not limited to: making any employment decision or employment-related action on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, disability, national origin, marital or veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable law.

Harassment is generally defined as unwelcome verbal or non-verbal conduct, based upon a person's protected characteristic, that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward the person because of the characteristic, and which affects the person's employment opportunities or benefits, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the person's work performance, or has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment. Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to: epithets; slurs or negative stereotyping; threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; or denigrating jokes and display or circulation in the workplace of written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group based on their protected characteristic.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

- 1. submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment;
- 2. submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or
- 3. such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

Examples of sexual harassment include: unwelcome or unsolicited sexual advances; displaying sexually suggestive material; unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions; suggestive comments; verbal abuse of a sexual nature; sexually-oriented jokes; crude or vulgar language or gestures; graphic or verbal commentaries about an individual's body; display or distribution of obscene materials; physical contact such as patting, pinching or brushing against someone's body; or physical assault of a sexual nature.

Complaint Procedure:

Any company employee who feels that he or she has been harassed or discriminated against or has witnessed or become aware of discrimination or harassment in violation of these policies, should bring the matter to the immediate attention of his or her supervisor. Although employees used to have 180 days (from the date of the alleged harassment) to file a charge of sexual harassment in Texas, employees now have 300 days to file a charge of sexual harassment with the Texas Workforce

Commission. We encourage you to report the complaint to Moreno Staffing's HR Department, attention to Blanca Moreno or Jason Moreno, within no more than 5 days of the occurrence. The company will promptly investigate all allegations of discrimination and harassment and take action as appropriate based on the outcome of the investigation. An investigation and its results will be treated as confidential to the extent feasible and permitted by law, and the company will take appropriate action based on the outcome of the investigation.

No employee will be retaliated against for making a complaint in good faith regarding a violation of these policies, or for participating in good faith in an investigation pursuant to these policies. If an employee feels he/she has been retaliated against, the employee should file a complaint using the procedures set forth above.

2.3 Drug-Free / Alcohol-Free Environment

Employees are prohibited from unlawfully consuming, distributing, possessing, selling, or using controlled substances while on duty. In addition, employees may not be under the influence of any controlled substance, such as drugs or alcohol, while at work, on company premises or engaged in company business. Prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications, taken as prescribed, are an exception to this policy.

Anyone violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

2.4 Open-Door Policy

The company has an open-door policy and takes employee concerns and problems seriously. The company values each employee and strives to provide a positive work experience. Employees are encouraged to bring any workplace concerns or problems they might have or know about to their supervisor or some other member of management.

2.5 Immigration Compliance

The company is committed to complying with federal laws and regulations concerning verification of employment eligibility and record-keeping for employees hired to work in the United States. As a condition of employment, every individual must provide satisfactory evidence of his or her identity and legal authority to work in the United States on his or her first day of employment with the company. Anyone with questions regarding any aspect of employment and/or identity verification should contact *Blanca Moreno*, *HR Coordinator*.

<u>Section 3 - Company Policies and Procedures</u>

3.1 Code of Professional Conduct

This company expects its employees to adhere to a standard of professional conduct and integrity. This ensures that the work environment is safe, comfortable and productive. Employees should be respectful, courteous, and mindful of others' feelings and needs. General cooperation between coworkers and supervisors is expected. Individuals who act in an unprofessional manner may be subject to disciplinary action.

3.2 Dress Code

An employee's personal appearance and hygiene is a reflection on the company's character. Employees are expected to dress appropriately for their individual work responsibilities and position.

When visiting any of our Partner client sites, we require that each employee wears slip-resistant shoes to avoid accidents or falls. As much as possible, please wear Moreno Staffing Logo shirts and black pants without any patterns or designs when visiting a Partner client site.

3.3 Payday

Paychecks are distributed every Friday. If the pay date lands on a holiday, paychecks will be distributed on the closest business day before the holiday.

The paycheck will reflect work performed for the week prior to the pay date. Paychecks include salary or wages earned less any mandatory or elected deductions. Mandatory deductions include federal or state withholding tax, and other withholdings. Elected deductions are deductions authorized by the employee, and may include, for example, contributions to benefit plans. Employees may contact Sanjuana Martinez, Accounting and Work Records Admin. to obtain the necessary authorization forms for requesting additional deductions from their paychecks.

Notify a supervisor if the paycheck appears to be inaccurate or if it has been misplaced. The company reserves the right to charge a replacement fee for any lost paychecks. Advances on paychecks are not permitted. Information regarding final paychecks can be found under the termination section of this handbook.

If you prefer Direct Deposit, please request and complete the Direct Deposit form from Sanjuana Martinez at smartinez@morenostaffing.com. If you receive a physical pay check, each employee is responsible for picking up their checks on pay day.

Any change in name, address, telephone number, marital status or number of exemptions claimed by an employee must be reported to *Sanjuana Martinez, Accounting and Work Records Admin* immediately.

3.4 Company Property

Company property, such as equipment, vehicles, telephones, computers, and software, is not for private or personal use. These devices are to be used strictly for company business and are not permitted off grounds unless authorized. Company property must be used in the manner for which it was intended. Upon termination, employees are required to surrender any company property they possess.

Company computers, Internet and e-mails are a privileged resource and must be used only to complete essential job-related functions. Employees are not permitted to download any "pirated" software, files or programs and must receive permission from a supervisor before installing any new software on a company computer. Files or programs stored on company computers may not be copied for personal use.

Phones are provided for business use. The company requests that employees not receive personal calls or engage in their personal social media accounts while on duty. If an employee is given a company mobile phone, the employee is not allowed to download paid apps or any app which does not pertain to the necessary function of their job. If urgent, please keep personal calls to a minimum and conversations brief. Personal paid calls on any company phone are not permitted.

Employees are reminded that they should have no expectation of privacy in their use of company computers or other electronic equipment.

Violations of these policies could result in disciplinary action.

3.5 Social Media Policy

The company understands that social media can be a fun and rewarding way to communicate with family, friends and co-workers. However, use of social media also presents certain risks and carries with it certain responsibilities. To assist employees in making responsible decisions about the use of social media, the company has established these guidelines for appropriate use of social media.

This policy applies to all employees who work for the company.

GUIDELINES

In the rapidly expanding world of electronic communication, *social media* can mean many things. *Social media* includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet, including to your own or someone else's web log or blog, journal or diary, personal website, social networking or affinity website, web bulletin board or a chat room, whether or not associated or affiliated with the company, as well as any other form of electronic communication. The same principles and guidelines found in the company's policies apply to employees' activities on-line. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what you post on-line. Before creating on-line content, consider some of the risks and rewards that are involved. Keep in mind that any of your conduct that adversely affects your job performance, the performance of fellow employees or otherwise adversely affects customers, suppliers, people who work on behalf of the company or the company's legitimate business interests may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Know and follow the rules.

Carefully read this Social Media Policy, the Equal Employment Policy, the Non-Harassment/Non-Discrimination Policy, and the Code of Professional Conduct and ensure your postings are consistent with these policies. Postings that may include maliciously defamatory remarks, unlawful harassment, and threats of violence or similar unlawful conduct will not be tolerated and may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

- Do not post on any social media network photos of yourself or other employees on the job, or the workplace, or the work site.
- Do not tag a client, or a work site on any comments or posts on social media.
- Do not add any client supervisor or manager on social media.

Be responsible.

Use your best judgment and exercise personal responsibility. Take your responsibility as stewards of personal information to heart. Integrity, accountability, and respect are core values. We trust and expect you to exercise personal responsibility whenever you participate in social media or other on-line activities. Remember that there can be consequences to your actions in the social media world – both internally, if your comments violate company policies, and with outside individuals and/or entities. If you are about to publish, respond or engage in something that makes you even the slightest bit uncomfortable, don't do it.

Also, we encourage you to try to resolve all differences with an individual, organization, or even the Company through direct communications with the individual, organization, or Company. Remember, the Company has an Open Door policy. It can be used to try to resolve differences with the Company, management, or

even your co-workers. We encourage you to try to use the Open Door policy. It works!

Nevertheless, if you decide to post complaints or criticism, avoid using statements, photographs, video or audio that are maliciously defamatory, that are obscene, that disparage customers, that attack the Company's product, or that might constitute unlawful harassment. Examples of such conduct might include false posts meant to intentionally or maliciously harm someone's reputation or posts that could contribute to a hostile work environment on the basis of race, sex, disability, religion or any other status protected by law or company policy.

Be honest and accurate.

The best practice is to check your facts before posting information or news, and if you make a mistake, correct it quickly. Be open about any previous posts you have altered. Remember that the Internet archives almost everything and deleted postings can be searched. Never post any information or rumors that you know to be false about the company, fellow employees, customers, suppliers, people working on behalf of the company or competitors.

Post only appropriate and respectful content

- Maintain the confidentiality of the company's trade secrets and private or confidential information. Trade secrets may include information regarding the development of systems, processes, products, know-how and technology.
- FTC regulations require persons with a material interest to disclose their association with a company if they give a testimonial or other product endorsement. Do not give a product testimonial, endorse the Company's product, or otherwise publicize or promote the Company in any way without identifying yourself as a company employee.
- Express only your personal opinions. Never represent yourself as a
 spokesperson for the company. If the company is a subject of the content you
 are creating, be clear and open about the fact that you are an employee and
 make it clear that your views do not represent those of the company,
 customers, or its suppliers. If you do publish a blog or post on-line related to
 the work you do or subjects associated with the company, make it clear that
 you are not speaking on behalf of the company. It is best to include a
 disclaimer such as "The postings on this site are my own and do not necessarily
 reflect the views of Moreno Staffing".

Using social media at work.

Refrain from using social media while on work time, unless it is work-related as authorized by a manager. To help reduce spam and other unwanted e-mail traffic, employees should not use company e-mail addresses to register on social networks,

blogs or other on-line tools utilized for personal use. Please use your own individual or private e-mail address.

Retaliation is prohibited.

The company prohibits taking negative action against any employee for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation. Any employee who retaliates against another employee for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

3.6 Privacy

Employees and employers share a relationship based on trust and mutual respect. However, the company retains the right to access all company property including computers, desks, file cabinets, storage facilities, and files and folders - electronic or otherwise - at any time. Employees should not entertain any expectations of privacy when on company grounds or while using company property.

All documents, files, voicemails and electronic information, including e-mails and other communications, created, received or maintained on or through company property is the property of the company, not the employee. Therefore, employees should have no expectation of privacy over those files or documents.

3.7 Personnel Files

The company maintains a personnel file on each employee. These files are kept confidential to the extent possible. Employees may review their personnel file upon request.

It is important that personnel files accurately reflect each employee's personal information. Employees are expected to inform the company of any change in name, address, home phone number, home address, marital status, number of dependents or emergency contact information.

<u>Section 4 - Employment Classification</u>

This company assigns positions, determines wages and compensates employees for overtime in accordance with state and local laws and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

4.1 Exempt Employees

Exempt employees are those that are excluded from the overtime pay requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Exempt employees are paid a salary, have certain types of job duties, and are expected to work beyond their normal work hours whenever necessary to accomplish the work of the company.

As an exempt employee, your salary is subject to certain deductions. For example, absent contrary state law requirements, your salary can be reduced for the following reasons:

- Full-day absences for personal reasons.
- Full-day absences for sickness or disability.
- Full-day disciplinary suspensions for infractions of the company's written policies and procedures.
- Family and Medical Leave absences (either full- or partial-day absences) will be unpaid.
- o offset amounts received as payment for jury and witness fees or military pay.
- The first or last week of employment in the event you work less than a full week.
- Any full work week in which you do not perform any work.

Your salary may also be reduced for certain types of deductions such as state, federal or local taxes. In any work week in which you performed any work, your salary will not be reduced for any of the following reasons:

Any other deductions prohibited by state or federal law.

Employees should consult with *Blanca Moreno, HR Coordinator*, if they have questions regarding their classification as an exempt employee.

4.2 Non-Exempt Employees

Non-exempt employees are those eligible for overtime pay of 1.5 times the regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 per work week. All overtime must be approved in advance. Employees should consult with an administrator if they have questions regarding their classification as a non-exempt employee.

4.3 Part-Time, Full-Time or Temporary Status

Part-time or full-time status depends on the number of hours per week an employee works. Regular employees who work fewer than 30 hours receive part-time classification. Part-time employees are not eligible for employee benefits as described in this handbook. Regular employees who work at least 40 hours receive full-time classification.

From time to time the company may hire employees for specific projects or periods of time. Temporary employees may work either part-time or full-time, but generally are scheduled to terminate by a certain date. Temporary employees who remain on duty past the scheduled termination remain classified as temporary. *Jose Moreno, Founder and CEO*, may change an employee's temporary status. Temporary employees are not eligible for employment benefits.

<u>Section 5 - Attendance Policies</u>

5.1 General Attendance

The company maintains normal working hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hours may vary depending on work location and job responsibilities. Supervisors will provide employees with their work schedule. Should an employee have any questions regarding his/her work schedule, the employee should contact the supervisor.

The company does not tolerate absenteeism without excuse. Employees who will be late to or absent from work should notify a supervisor in advance, or as soon as practicable in the event of an emergency. Chronic absenteeism may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Employees who need to leave early, for illness or otherwise, should inform a supervisor before departure. Unauthorized departures may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

5.2 Tardiness

Employees are expected to arrive on time and ready for work. An employee who arrives after their scheduled arrival time is considered tardy. The company recognizes that situations arise which hinder punctuality; regardless, excessive tardiness is prohibited, and may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

5.3 Breaks

When working conditions permit, and pending a supervisor's approval, employees are entitled to (1) 15 minute break for every 4 hours worked.

Meal periods are 30 minutes. Longer meal periods must be approved by a supervisor. Please keep in mind the following requirements:

• Breaks for employees during their shift: 15 minutes every 4 hours worked.

- Breaks can vary depending on work activity, be flexible.
- Bring your own food, we reinforce the importance of not accepting food or drinks from the client.
- Smoke in designated smoking areas. Smoking marijuana, vaping, or using illegal drugs is not permitted.
- Enter and exit through designated employee entrances as much as possible.

<u>Section 6 - Leave Policies</u>

6.1 Vacations

The company provides, as a benefit, paid vacations for its eligible employees. Forward the Time Off Request Form for time off in advance to a supervisor, who may approve or deny the request based on company resources. The company is flexible in approving time off when doing so would not interfere with company operations. Vacation days are granted only on a full-day or half-day basis.

A regular employee is eligible to receive paid time off after 2,080 working hours of full-time service. Employees must earn and accrue vacation benefits before they may be used. Employees should consult *Blanca Moreno*, *HR Coordinator* regarding the amount of vacation leave they accrue each pay period.

Any remaining accrued time off may be accumulated or carried forward into the next year.

6.2 Sick Leave

Situations may arise where an employee needs to take time off to address medical or other health concerns. The company requests that employees provide notification to their supervisor as soon as practicable when taking time off. Sick days are granted on an unpaid basis to regular employees. Employees may consult *Jason Moreno*, *Director of Operations*, regarding the amount of (paid) sick leave provided each year. Sick days may not be carried over into the next year. Abuse of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

6.3 Paid Time Off (PTO)

Full time staff are given 10 days of PTO plus Holiday Pay. Please note, if you do not use it, you lose it.

6.4 Family and Medical Leave Act Leave

The company offers leave consistent with the requirements of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Under the FMLA, an employee may be eligible for an

unpaid family and medical leave of absence under certain circumstances, if the employee has worked as an employee of the company for at least 1,250 hours for 12 months and works within a seventy-five (75) mile radius of fifty (50) or more company employees.

Reasons for Leave

Employees eligible for FMLA leave may take leave for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child and to care for the newborn child;
- Placement of a child into adoptive or foster care with the employee;
- Care for a spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition;
- Care for the employee's own serious health condition;
- Qualifying emergencies arising out of a spouse's, child's, or parent's active duty or call to active duty as a member of the military reserves or National Guard ("Emergency Military Leave"); or
- Care for a spouse, child, parent or next of kin (nearest blood relative) who is (a) an Armed Forces member (including the military reserves and National Guard) undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, therapy, or is otherwise in an outpatient status, or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list, due to a serious injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; or (b) a person who, during the five (5) years prior to the treatment necessitating the leave, served in the active military, Naval, or Air Service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable (a "veteran" as defined by the Department of Veterans Affairs) and who has a serious injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty while on active duty that arose before or after the member became a veteran ("Military Caregiver Leave").

Length of Leave

With the exception of Military Caregiver Leave, the maximum amount of FMLA Leave will be twelve (12) work weeks in any 12-month period.

If both spouses work for the company and are eligible for FMLA leave, the spouses will be limited to a total of 12 workweeks off between the two of them for leave related to the birth, adoption or foster care of a child, and leave to care for the serious health condition of a family member.

The maximum amount of FMLA Leave for an employee wishing to take Military Caregiver Leave will be a combined leave total of twenty-six (26) workweeks in a single 12-month period.

If both spouses work for the company and are eligible for FMLA leave, the spouses will be limited to a total of 26 workweeks off between the two of them when the leave is for Military Caregiver Leave or a combination of Military Caregiver Leave with another leave category.

Leave may be taken on an intermittent or reduced schedule in certain circumstances. When leave is taken intermittently, the company may transfer the employee to another position with equivalent pay and benefits, which is better suited to periods of absence.

Notice and Certification

If the need for leave is foreseeable, employees should notify a supervisor 30 days prior to taking FMLA leave. If the need for FMLA leave arises unexpectedly, employees should notify a supervisor as soon as practicable, giving as much notice to the company as possible.

Employees requesting FMLA leave may be required to provide: medical certifications supporting the need for leave if the leave is due to a medical condition of the employee or employee's family member; periodic recertification of the medical condition; and periodic reports during the leave regarding the employee's status and intent to return to work. Employees requesting Military Caregiver Leave, are required to provide: as much advance notice as is reasonable and practicable under the circumstances; a copy of the covered military member's active duty orders when the employee requests leave; and a completed Certification of Qualifying Exigency form within 15 calendar days, unless unusual circumstances exist to justify providing the form at a later date.

Certification forms are available from Human Resources. At the company's expense, the company may also require a second or third medical opinion regarding an employee's own serious health condition. Employees are expected to cooperate with the company in obtaining additional medical opinions that the company may require.

Employees are expected to return to work immediately after the completion of the requested FMLA leave, and employees who have taken leave because of their own serious health condition must submit a fitness-for-duty certification before being allowed to return to work.

Use of Paid and Unpaid Leave:

Subject to certain conditions, the employee or the company may choose to use accrued paid leave (such as sick leave or vacation leave) concurrent with FMLA leave.

Benefits

The company does not provide and medical benefits.

Reinstatement

Upon returning from FMLA leave, an employee will be restored to his/her original job or an equivalent job with equivalent benefits, pay, seniority, and other employment terms and conditions, to the extent required by the Family and Medical Leave Act. If

an employee fails to return to work at the conclusion of the FMLA leave, and has not obtained an extension of the leave, the company may presume that the employee does not plan to return to work and has voluntarily terminated his or her employment.

6.5 Holidays

The company offers Holiday Pay as time and a half for employees who work holiday hours. To qualify as holiday hours, you must work the day before and/or after the holiday. Moreno Staffing, LLC observes the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Holidays are observed on a paid basis for all eligible employees. [Full-time permanent employees are eligible for paid holiday benefits.]

6.6 Jury Duty Time Off

The company understands that occasionally employees are called to serve on a jury. Employees who are selected for jury duty must provide a copy of their jury summons to a supervisor. Time taken for jury duty is granted on an unpaid basis. Employees released from jury duty with 4 hours remaining in the workday, are expected to return to work.

6.7 Voting Time Off

Employees are encouraged to participate in elections. The company grants incremental time off to cast a ballot in an election. Voting time off is granted on a paid basis to Corporate Office Permanent Employees only. Should extenuating circumstances arise while voting, notify a supervisor as soon as possible.

6.8 Military Leave

Employees called to active military duty, military reserve or National Guard service may be eligible to receive time off under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. Military leave is granted on a unpaid basis. Upon return with an honorable discharge, an employee may be entitled to reinstatement and any applicable job benefits they would have received if present, to the extent provided by law.

Texas Gov't Code §437.202 provides any employee who is a member of the Texas National Guard, Texas State Guard, a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, or a state or federally authorized Urban Search and Rescue Team up to 15 days of paid leave per fiscal year for authorized military training or duty.

• To receive time off, employees must provide notice and a copy of their report orders to an immediate supervisor for review and consideration.

6.9 Leave of Absence

Regular full-time employees may request an unpaid leave of absence after the exhaustion of paid leave. A request for a leave of absence must be submitted in writing in advance to the employee's immediate supervisor.

Leave of absences that are granted are unpaid, and will not be considered until an employee has exhausted all appropriate accrued leave balances. Continuation of employee benefits during a leave of absence will be addressed on an individual basis, as required by law.

Section 7 - Work Performance

7.1 Expectations

The company expects every employee to act in a professional manner. Satisfactory performance of job duties and responsibilities is key to this expectation. Employees should attempt to achieve their job objectives, and act with diligence and consideration at all times. Poor job performance can result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Additional expectations include but are not limited to:

- Being Punctual
- Being Prepared
- Practicing Good Work Ethic
- Showing Effort
- Bringing Energy
- Choosing a Positive Attitude
- Demonstrating Passion
- Being Coachable
- Providing Quality Service
- Doing Extra

7.2 Reviews

The company may periodically evaluate an employee's performance. The goal of a performance review is to identify areas where an employee excels and areas that need improvement. The company uses performance reviews as a tool to determine pay increases, promotions and/or terminations. Performance reviews are administered annually on the day of your anniversary

All performance reviews are based on merit, achievement and other factors that may include, but are not limited to:

- Quality of work
- Attitude
- Knowledge of work
- Job skills
- Attendance and punctuality
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Compliance with company policy
- Past performance reviews
- Improvement
- Acceptance of responsibility and constructive feedback

Employees should note that a performance review does not guarantee a pay increase or promotion. Written performance evaluations may be made at any time to advise employees of unacceptable performance. Evaluations or any subsequent change in employment status, position or pay does not alter the employee's at-will relationship with the company.

Forward any questions about performance expectation or evaluation to the supervisor conducting the evaluation.

7.3 Insubordination

Supervisors and employees should interact with mutual respect and common courtesy. Employees are expected to take instruction from supervisors or other persons of authority. Failure to comply with instructions or unreasonably delaying compliance is considered insubordination. Acts of insubordination are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

If an employee disagrees with a supervisor, the employee should first try to mediate the situation by explaining their position. If possible, a compromise might be met and accusations of insubordination avoided.

<u>Section 8 - Discipline Policy</u>

8.1 Grounds for Disciplinary Action

The company reserves the right to discipline and/or terminate any employee who violates company policies, practices or rules of conduct. Poor performance and misconduct are also grounds for discipline, up to and including termination.

The following actions are unacceptable and considered grounds for disciplinary action. This list is not comprehensive; rather, it is meant merely as an example of the types of conduct that this company does not tolerate. These actions include, <u>but are</u> not limited to:

- Engaging in acts of discrimination or harassment in the workplace;
- Possessing, distributing or being under the influence of illicit controlled substances;
- Being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol at work, on company premises, or while engaged in company business;
- Unauthorized use of company property, equipment, devices or assets;
- Damage, destruction or theft of company property, equipment, devices or assets;
- Removing company property without prior authorization or disseminating company information without authorization;
- Falsification, misrepresentation or omission of information, documents or records;
- Lying;
- Insubordination or refusal to comply with directives;
- Failing to adequately perform job responsibilities;
- Excessive or unexcused absenteeism or tardiness;
- Disclosing confidential or proprietary company information without permission;
- Illegal or violent activity;
- Falsifying injury reports or reasons for leave;
- Possessing unauthorized weapons on premises;
- Disregard for safety and security procedures;
- Disparaging or disrespecting supervisors and/or co-workers; and
- Any other action or conduct that is inconsistent with company policies, procedures, standards or expectations.

This list exhibits the types of actions or events that are subject to disciplinary action. It is not intended to indicate every act that could lead to disciplinary action. The company reserves the right to determine the severity and extent of any disciplinary action based on the circumstances of each case.

8.2 Procedures

Disciplinary action is any one of a number of options used to correct unacceptable behavior or actions. Discipline may take the form of oral warnings, written warnings, probation, suspension, demotion, discharge, removal or some other disciplinary action, in no particular order. The course of action will be determined by the company at its sole discretion as it deems appropriate.

8.3 Termination

Employment with the company is on an at-will basis and may be terminated voluntarily or involuntarily at any time. 3 Missed Shifts is an automatic termination of employment.

Upon termination, an employee is required:

- To continue to work until the last scheduled day of employment;
- To turn in all reports and paperwork required to be completed by the employee when due and no later than the last day of work;
- To return all files, documents, equipment, keys, access cards, software or other property belonging to the company that are in the employee's possession, custody or control, and turn in all passwords to his/her supervisor;
- To participate in an exit interview as requested by Jose Moreno, Founder and CFO.

Section 9 - Employee Health and Safety

9.1 Workplace Safety

The company takes every reasonable precaution to ensure that employees have a safe working environment. Safety measures and rules are in place for the protection of all employees. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each employee to help prevent accidents. To ensure the continuation of a safe workplace, all employees should review and understand all provisions of the company's workplace safety policy. Employees should use all safety and protective equipment provided to them, and maintain work areas in a safe and orderly manner, free from hazardous conditions. Employees who observe an unsafe practice or condition should report it to a supervisor or [enter alternate name] immediately. Employees are prohibited from making threats against anyone in connection with his/her work or engaging in violent activities while in the employ of the company. Any questions regarding safety and safe practices should be directed to Jason Moreno, Director of Operations.

In the event of an accident, employees must notify a supervisor immediately. Report every injury, regardless of how minor, to a supervisor immediately. Physical

discomfort caused by repetitive tasks must also be reported. For more information about on the job injuries, refer to the workers' compensation section of this handbook.

Employees should recognize any potential fire hazards and be aware of fire escape routes and fire drills. Do not block fire exits, tamper with fire extinguishers or otherwise create fire hazards.

9.2 Workplace Security

Employees must be alert and aware of any potential dangers to themselves or their coworkers. Take every precaution to ensure that your surroundings are safe and secure. Guard personal belongings and company property. Visitors should be escorted at all times. Report any suspicious activity to a supervisor immediately.

For your safety, please do not stay after 6pm to work late in the office alone. If no one is able to stay late with you, discuss any necessary work to be completed from home. Your supervisor will work with you to make a plan on any urgent work that needs to be completed from home.

9.3 Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, dial 911 immediately. If you hear a fire alarm or other emergency alert system, proceed quickly and calmly to the nearest exit. Once the building has been evacuated, only a supervisor may authorize employees to reenter.

If you suffer an accident in the workplace, please take the following steps:

- 1. Report to your supervisor immediately.
- 2. You will be taken to the Security Department.
- 3. Communicate that you are an employee of Moreno Staffing and request security staff to call your Moreno Staffing representative Jason Moreno or Joab Moreno.
- 4. Security will determine if they need to call 911 and they should call the staff supervisors.
- 5. We will work with you to resolve the issue.

<u>Section 10 - Employee Benefits</u>

This handbook contains descriptions of some of our current employee benefits. In the event of any inconsistencies between this handbook or any other oral or written description of benefits and a formal plan document, the formal plan document will govern.

10.1 Health Insurance

The company does not provide Health Insurance coverage.

10.3 Retirement Plans

The company does not provide contribution to Retirement Plans.

10.4 Workers' Compensation

As required by law, the company provides workers' compensation benefits for the protection of employees with work-related injuries or illnesses.

Workers' compensation insurance provides coverage to employees who experience job-related injuries or illnesses. If an employee is injured or becomes ill as a result of his/her job, it is the employee's responsibility to immediately notify a supervisor of their injury in order to receive benefits. Report every illness or injury to a supervisor, regardless of how minor it appears. The company will advise the employee of the procedure for submitting a workers' compensation claim. If necessary, injured employees will be referred to a medical care facility. Employees should retain all paperwork provided to them by the medical facility. Failure to report a work-related illness or injury promptly could result in denial of benefits. An employee's report should contain as many details as possible, including the date, time, description of the illness or injury, and the names of any witnesses.

A separate insurance company administers the workers' compensation insurance. Representatives of this company may contact injured employees regarding their benefits under the plan. Additional information regarding workers' compensation is available from *Blanca Moreno, HR Coordinator*.

10.5 Disability Coverage

The company does not provide Disability Coverage.

Section 11 - Termination Policies

11.1 Voluntary Termination

The company recognizes that personal situations may arise which require a voluntary termination of employment. Should this occur, the company requests that the employee provide two weeks advance notice in writing. This request does not alter an employee's at-will relationship with the company.

All rights and privileges of employment with the company terminate upon the date of separation. As further discussed in Section 8.3, terminating employees are required to return all company property assigned to them. Failure to do so may result in the withholding of their final paycheck.

11.2 Final Paycheck

Employees who terminate employment with the company will be given their final paycheck within 1 to 2 weeks of their final working day. Should the employee be unable to personally retrieve their paycheck, it will be mailed to the address on file.

11.3 Fxit Interview

The company may request an exit interview upon notice of termination. The purpose of the exit interview is to complete necessary forms, collect company property and discuss employment experiences with the company.

SECTION 12 - COVID COMPLIANCE

12.1 Statement of Compliance

At Moreno Staffing, our primary focus remains the health and safety of our employees and the temporary and project professionals on assignment with our Partner clients. We continuously work to ensure each person on board is trained to meet the standards provided by the CDC for COVID19 compliance.

Those working in an office are encouraged to maintain the social distance recommended by health authorities. We'll continue to assess our plans based on guidance from national and local governments and health authorities.

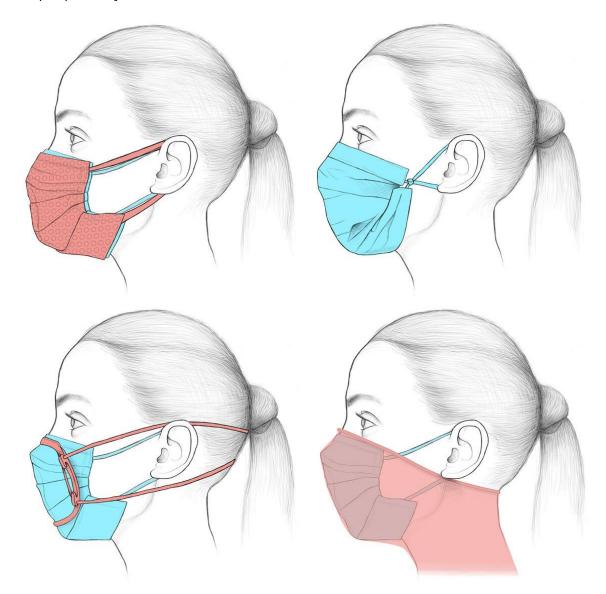
Regardless of where our teams are located or how they are working today, we continue to serve our Partners with the same integrity and passion as we did before this crisis.

Practice COVID19 Safety:

- Communicate signs and symptoms of COVID19 to Jason or Joab immediately.
- Each policy varies with each client, so be aware of your policy and follow it.
- Wear a face mask as much as possible especially when required by the client.

• Clients can request a required vaccination, however, we have several locations that may work that may not.

The proper way to use a face mask:



Section 13 - Conclusion

13.1 Policy Revision

We will always strive for fairness and equal opportunity, and this Employee Handbook is part of our effort to make sure you are well prepared for your workplace. As laws and our environment change, we may revise and modify some of our policies.

We have established an annual revision of this Employee Handbook to bring it up to date with legislation and employment trends. We also ask you to contact HR if you spot any inconsistencies or mistakes. And, if you have any ideas about how to improve our workplace, we are happy to hear them.

Please note that future revisions can be made at any time and an updated Employee Handbook will be provided to you in digital or print copy.

13.2 Acknowledgment

Please be sure to acknowledge you have read the handbook by signing the Handbook Receipt Form and returning it to HR.

On behalf of everyone in Moreno Staffing, LLC, we welcome you as part of the team!

What makes our company great is people like you!