

WATCH: Small Business Owners Speak Out About COVID-19 Liability Concerns

Businesses throughout the country are working hard to reopen safely and to keep their employees and customers healthy amid the COVID-19 pandemic. However, small business owners are becoming increasingly worried about the possibility of lawsuits as they reopen, even if they've taken the necessary precautions to keep their employees and customers safe.

According to a recent [U.S. Chamber and MetLife Small Business Coronavirus Impact Poll](#), two-thirds (67%) of small businesses with 20-500 employees and a majority (51%) of small businesses with 5-19 employees are worried about the possibility of lawsuits related to the coronavirus.

The business community is asking for temporary, 'safe harbor' protections to give employers some degree of assurance that if they follow public health guidelines, they won't face further financial hardships through unwarranted lawsuits. Bad actors and companies that engage in gross negligence or willful misconduct should be held accountable.

We're collecting first-hand accounts from [real small business owners](#) about their experience with reopening their business and what they are most concerned about. To see the videos, visit the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR) Faces of Lawsuit Abuse [website](#).