

C06.3 Offer Sick Leave

Policy and/or Operations Schedule

WELL Building Standard™ version 2 (WELL v2™), Q4 2022 addenda



HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT:

This document is intended to serve as a guide on how to create a project **policy and/or operations schedule** to support **the overall health and well-being of individuals and their families by offering comprehensive health benefits, policies and services.**

This document is meant to demonstrate an acceptable degree of detail for

- precertification documentation submission
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For precertification documentation submission:

To achieve WELL Precertification, project teams may submit intent-stage or implementation-stage documents for pursued features, or any combination of the two. An intent-stage document is typically a draft document that has not yet been implemented in the actual project, while implementation-stage documents describe final and implemented strategies. Intent and implementation-stage documents should be similar in terms of level of detail. For final WELL Certification documentation approval, all documents are required to be implementation -stage. To learn more about intent-stage vs. implementation-stage documentation, review the [precertification guide](#) in our knowledge base.

Intent-stage language is indicated in this sample document with **green text and in parentheses**. For an intent-stage policy and/or operations schedule, the document should consist of a draft version of the policy that the team intends to implement. This document cannot simply state that the feature requirements will be implemented; the documentation should include adequate detail such that a WELL Reviewer will be able to confirm the document complies with all of the WELL feature part requirements.

For documentation submission:

The level of detail is up to the discretion of the project team, but the documents must include specific details demonstrating that the actual requirements have been enacted in the project boundary. The Feature cannot be demonstrated solely through a confirmation that the requirements have been or will be implemented.

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Note: The below document is based on the Q4 2022 addenda of the WELL Building Standard™ version 2 (WELL v2™). Project teams are required to implement the feature requirements from the addenda version assigned to their project or any more recent addenda version.

FEATURE PART REQUIREMENTS:

1: Short-term sick leave

Employers provide a short-term sick leave policy for all eligible employees, distinct from family and parental leave, that includes the following:

- a. At least one of the following is offered through a flat rate or annual accrual, during any 12-month period for any health condition:*
 - 1. At least 10 days of sick leave are paid at 50% or higher of the employee's full salary or wages.*
 - 2. At least 20 days of combined paid time off and sick leave. Projects using a blended policy are not eligible to pursue Feature M06 Part 1.*
- b. Statement that discourages employees from coming into work when they feel sick, and from doing work while on sick leave.*

AND

2: Long-term sick leave

Employers provide a long-term sick leave policy for all eligible employees, distinct from paid time off and family leave, that includes at least one of the following:

- a. At least 12 weeks of sick leave (which may be unpaid) during any 12-month period for a chronic or serious health condition that involves inpatient care in a hospice or residential healthcare facility (e.g., stroke, infectious disease, surgery) or continuing treatment and/or supervision by a healthcare provider (e.g., diabetes, asthma, terminal cancer).*
- b. One or more of the following to support all eligible employees recovering from serious health conditions:*
 - 1. Part-time options.*
 - 2. Work from home flexibility.*
 - 3. Flexible schedules.*

WELL Core Guidance:

Meet these requirements for direct staff.



The below sample documentation is intended to provide guidance for providing employees access to paid sick leave. It is not a template. You may note included components that are not required to demonstrate compliance with this Feature.

Example for Feature Part 3.1 and 3.2

(Intent-stage: Draft) [Company] Sick Leave Policy

Location: [project address]

Short-term Sick Leave:

Each full-time and part-time employee receiving health benefits as part of their contract is eligible for the following short-term sick leave benefits:

1. 10 days of sick leave per annum (separate from paid time off and family leave) that are annually accrued. On these days, the employee will be paid at [50-100%] of their salary.

Employees are discouraged from coming into the office when they are feeling ill (fever, cough, etc.) If an employee has elected to take sick leave for an illness, they are expected to dedicate the time to recovering and are discouraged from using the time for work.

Notify your direct supervisor immediately when you need to work from home or take sick leave due to illness and log it in [name of system and any necessary guidance to log sick leave].

Long-term Sick Leave:

Each full-time and part-time employee receiving health benefits as part of their contract is eligible for the following long-term sick leave benefits:

1. 12 weeks of unpaid sick leave per annum for a chronic or serious health condition such as surgery or stroke that involves inpatient care. This time can also be used towards continuing treatment and/or supervision by a healthcare provider for a chronic condition such as diabetes or asthma.
2. During recovery from a serious health condition, employees are eligible and encouraged to speak with their direct supervisor to create a plan that will allow them to gradually re-enter the workplace. The plan may include one or a combination of the following options:
 - a. Phasing in the number of work hours per week (for example starting at 24 hours per week and increasing to 40 over a set schedule).
 - b. Increased virtual hours.
 - c. Setting up a flexible schedule, where work can be scheduled around required medical appointments and prescribed recovery responsibilities.

Please contact your direct supervisor and [HR contact name] in the HR department by email [email address] or fax [fax number] to request and log long-term sick leave or if you have any questions on this policy.

TIPS FOR MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

- For organizations participating in WELL at scale this Policy and/or Operations Schedule is categorized as Shareable. It may be shared across multiple projects, as long as they all meet the strategies that are outlined in the document.