

Reshaping Partnerships in a New Health Ecosystem Thursday, June 29 I 2:30 - 2:45 PM



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Lessons from the pandemic

What Did We Learn?

"The year 2020 exposed how dependent economic activity was on the stability of its natural environment. A tiny virus mutation in a microbe could threaten the entire world's economy."

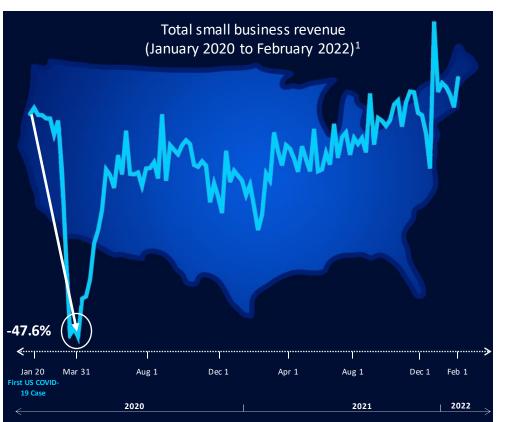
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Economic impact to small business revenue

Within Three Months, From January 2020 to April 5, 2020, Total Small Business Revenue in the United States Decreased by 47.6^{%1}



"An epidemic was an unusual supply shock because it acted not through the economic variables that we normally focus on—technologies, or endowments with income or wealth. Instead, it acted on our bodies.

It exposed the individual and collective body of humanity as the common denominator of social and economic life. Through our bodies, it affected us comprehensively, entangling the worlds of work and family life, production, and reproduction."²

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Adapted from Opportunity Insights; data source: Womply.

Economic impact of lost hours (March 2020 to February 2022)

A Financial Shock to Many Industries

Baseline Incremental Percent increase (cost of lost hours (cost of lost hours due in the cost of Industry pre-pandemic - billions) to pandemic - billions) lost hours Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, and Hospitality 21.7 +17.6 +81.1% 35.5 +23.9 +67.3% Construction Educational Services, Healthcare and Social 71.1 +30.8 +43.3% Manufacturing 44.1 +21.5+48.8% Other Services, Except Public Administration[†] 15.9 +16.3 +102.5% 111.2 +27.1+24.3%

(3/18-2/20)

28.3

23.2

52.2

(3/20-2/22)

+21.3

+15.6

+22.4

+75.3%

+67.2%

+42.9%

Public Administration

Waste Management Services

Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities

Retail Trade

^{*}Based on data from the Current Population Survey (CPS) jointly conducted by the US Census Bureau and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Earnings were obtained from the CPS and benefits were obtained from the BLS. An average of the cost of lost work hours 2 years before the pandemic was used as a benchmark reference. The cost of lost work hours attributed to the pandemic was calculated by multiplying the median earnings (gross wage plus benefits) and the fractional value of the absenteeism opportunity multiplier to quantify the opportunity costs of absences. All findings should be considered approximate and contingent.

^{*}Includes automotive repair and maintenance, barber shops, beauty salons, business, professional, political, and similar organizations, car washes, civic, social, advocacy organizations, and grantmaking and giving services, commercial and industrial machinery and equipment repair and maintenance, drycleaning and laundry services, electronic and precision equipment repair and maintenance, funeral homes, and cemeteries and crematories, labor unions, nail salons and other personal care services, other personal services, personal and household goods repair and maintenance, private households, and religious organizations.

Brokenness amplified

Driving Health, Equity and Value

Fragmentation and Inefficiency

COVID-19 exposed significant fundamental flaws in the American healthcare system

Navigating a perfect storm

The Need for System Innovation—Now

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Rising healthcare costs amid economic concerns

In 2023, US employers expect a **5.6% average increase** in health benefit cost per employee¹



Higher demand for other healthcare services

Delayed care during the COVID-19 pandemic

has led to an increase in demand and utilization of healthcare services²



Ending of the Public Health Emergency

Employers and employees may assume cost responsibility for **vaccinations and testing**³

~9.5 million Americans who are projected to lose Medicaid coverage may become eligible for employer-sponsored insurance⁴

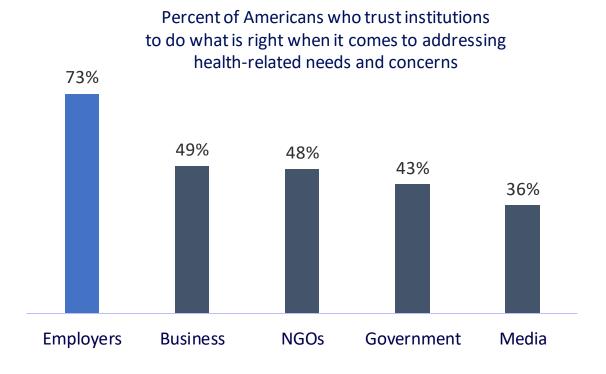


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Why employers?

A Trusted Source for Addressing Health Needs

73% of Americans trust their employer to do what is right when it comes to addressing health-related needs and concerns—more than businesses, nongovernmental organizations, government, and media





*Data were collected from 12,785 respondents in 13 countries (Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, South Korea, United Kingdom, and United States) from March 2, 2023 to March 13, 2023. The sample size varied by country from 805 to 1,002.

NGO=nongovernmental organization.

How a new point solution could potentially deliver value

What **Employers** And **Employees** Want



Low administrative burden

- Colleague choice and self-service
- Coexists with current plan



Data-driven insights

- Near real-time utilization tracking
- Inform staffing decisions



Cost-effectiveness

- Pay per use
- Fixed pricing per service
- Transparent fees



Enhanced employee experience

- Lower cost-sharing amounts
- Convenient digital user experience from home
- Immediate access to educational information



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Employer Research Learnings

More than 1800 employers at leading healthcare, benefits, and absence management firms provided insights on how organizations can learn from the pandemic



Communication is a key element

Communicate frequently with employees through multiple channels to help establish trust. 2

Trust and inclusion are crucially important

Offer comprehensive programs that strengthen employees' sense of security and meet their needs.



Employee health and well-being should be prioritized

Create a
high-performing
workforce by prioritizing
health and wellness.



The basics, such as preventive screening and well visits, are still valuable

Reinforce the importance of regular well visits and highlight available options and costs.



The most important insight

Employers Run a Healthcare Business— Whether They Like It or Not

"Warren Buffett said it all:

'GM is a health and benefits company with an auto company attached.'

"In fact, it spends more on health care than steel, just as Starbucks spends more on health care than coffee beans.

"For most companies, health care is the second largest expense after payroll. This puts you in the health care business."

Dave Chase, CFO magazine



Seizing the opportunity

How can employers help employees manage the impact of certain respiratory diseases?



Take action to help improve vaccination rates among employees



Actively monitor community for disease outbreaks



Support employees who may be at higher risk for more serious illness



Introducing a new digital health point solution

Overview of easable™





A connected health ecosystem for certain respiratory diseases

Centered on the Employee Experience



Employees can answer questions about symptoms and health status to determine if a telehealth appointment is recommended

*This questionnaire does not provide professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment and is only used to determine whether telehealth consultation is warranted.



- Rx delivery

If medication is prescribed, employees can pick up an Rx at the pharmacy or have it delivered to their door generally in just a few hours



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