As the country continues to lift restrictions and business operations expand, the National Safety Council encourages a well-rounded approach to safety. Aside from concerns, policies and guidelines pertaining to COVID-19, your workplace should review other safety concerns as well.

Keep the following in mind as businesses expand operations:

1. **Roadway safety** – As workers begin to travel and return to traditional office environments, roadway safety should be reviewed with your workforce.

2. **Water supplies:**
   - Make sure you’re testing water supplies and clean all decorative water fixtures, especially if they have not been regularly used.
   - Ensure your water heater is properly maintained and the temperature is set correctly.
   - Ensure safety equipment including fire sprinkler systems, eye wash stations and safety showers are clean and well maintained. Regularly flush, clean and disinfect these systems according to manufacturers’ specifications.

3. **Office policies** – Review your office safety policies like tailgating, parking lot safety, emergency exit procedures, etc.

4. **Continued COVID-19 training and policies** – As we move through the stages of the pandemic, workplaces should continue to review any COVID-19 training, policies and/or mandates (social distancing, number of workers in an enclosed space, masks, vaccination opportunities, etc.)
5. **Ergonomics** – Continue ergonomic assessments, especially if your workplace rearranged or changed the space where people are working.

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