

United States Department of Labor

Frances Perkins Building Status

Latest Updates

From Assistant Secretary Michael Kerr (May 3, 12:43 p.m. EDT)

As noted in my previous e-mail, the majority of the Frances Perkins Building was unaffected by this morning's fire. The following locations will remain closed for today:

- Offices located in the following Fourth Floor corridors: N-4300, C-4300, N-4402 to N-4432
- Offices located in the following Third Floor corridors: N-3300, C-3300, N-3402 to N-3432
- Offices located in the following Second Floor corridors: N-2402 to N-2428
- Offices located on the Plaza level: N-1301
- The cafeteria, gift shop, credit union, snack bar, post office, dry cleaner and child development center will all remain closed.

Employees not located in those areas may safely return to the FPB today, should they choose to do so.

The administrative leave policy announced earlier today remains in effect for the rest of Friday, May 3. Teleworkers should continue to telework for the balance of their work day.

The building will be open on Monday, May 6, and we will provide an operating status update on Sunday evening through e-mail and DOL.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

From Assistant Secretary Michael Kerr (May 3, 10:52 a.m. EDT)

Early this morning, a fire was detected in a cubicle on the fourth floor on the North side of the Frances Perkins Building (FPB). The audio alarm and suppressor sprinkler systems were activated, and we have no reports of injuries.

While there was minimal fire damage, the fourth, third, second, and plaza level on the North side of the building were affected by water from the sprinkler system.

A restoration contractor has been on site much of the morning conducting clean-up operations, and this afternoon an industrial hygienist will conduct air quality monitoring. While the majority of the building is unaffected, the FPB will be closed this weekend in order to allow these remediation efforts to take place.

Please note, anyone experiencing IT connectivity issues should attempt to log-off your system and log-back on.

Also, please refer to Deputy Assistant Secretary Hugler's earlier email on leave policy for Frances Perkins Building employees affected by this morning's events (guidance repeated below). Further guidance on leave will be provided on Monday.

We will keep you apprised on the status of the building as more information becomes available.

Leave and Status Information for Friday

- Frances Perkins Building employees who were scheduled to work on-site should receive administrative leave.
- DOL Telework-Eligible Employees who are SCHEDULED to perform telework today must telework the entire workday, request leave, or a combination of both.
- Telework-Eligible Employees for whom today is NOT a scheduled telework day may telework but are not required to do so. They are entitled to administrative leave for any hours not worked.
- DOL Emergency Employees are expected to report to their worksites unless otherwise directed.

Please check with your supervisor or DOL.gov for updates on this situation.