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# VACORP Information Session COVID-19 and the Impact on the Pool

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### COVID could cost comp as much as \$80B: NCCI

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The effect of COVID-19 on workers compensation could range from \$1 billion to \$80 billion, according to a National Council on Compensation Insurance study that modeled the potential impacts of the virus.

In the study, NCCI estimated that 49 million to 62 million workers could potentially qualify as essential workers who could be eligible for workers compensation relating to COVID acquisition.

Using infection rate assumptions of 5% to 50% and a fatality rate of 0.5%, NCCI estimated that with an assumption of compressibility of 60% to 100% for first responders and health care workers, COVID could cost \$1 billion to \$16.2 billion. Using those same infection and fatality assumptions but modifying the compensability rate from 20% to 60% but including all essential workers raises that worst-case cost impact scenario to \$81.5 billion.

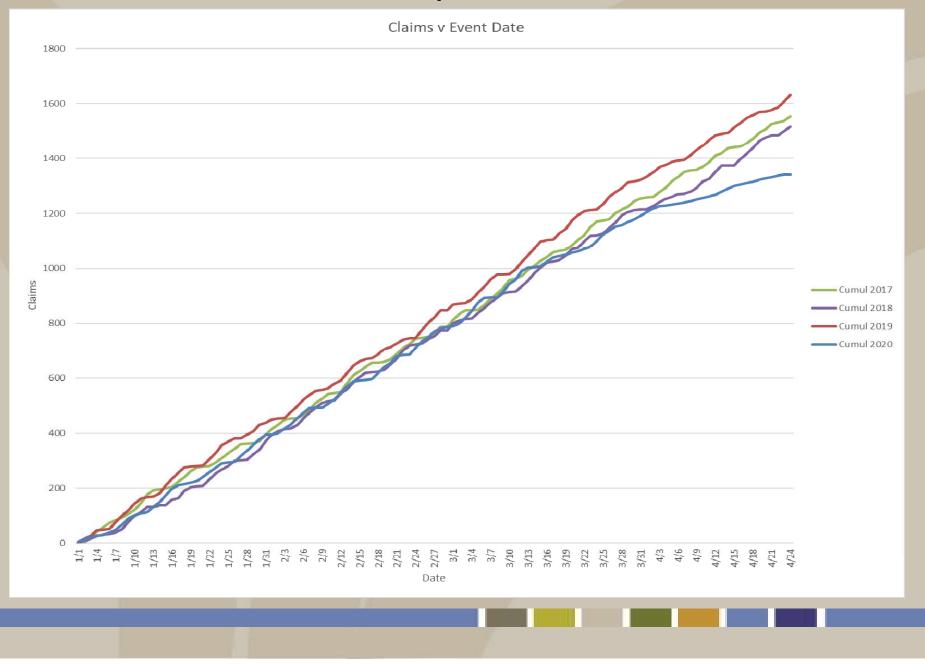
In one scenario, NCCI assumed that all cases involving medical services would result in a compensable workers compensation claim, assumed no expected losses for disability and used 10% as the assumed infection rate. Looking at state-specific data as well as age, population density and other characteristics, the potential workers comp loss impact by state assuming a compensability rate of 100% ranged from 39% in Hawaii to 245% in Texas.

It is important to note that the insurance industry would not alone be responsible for the pay out under the various scenarios, Mr. Eddinger said.

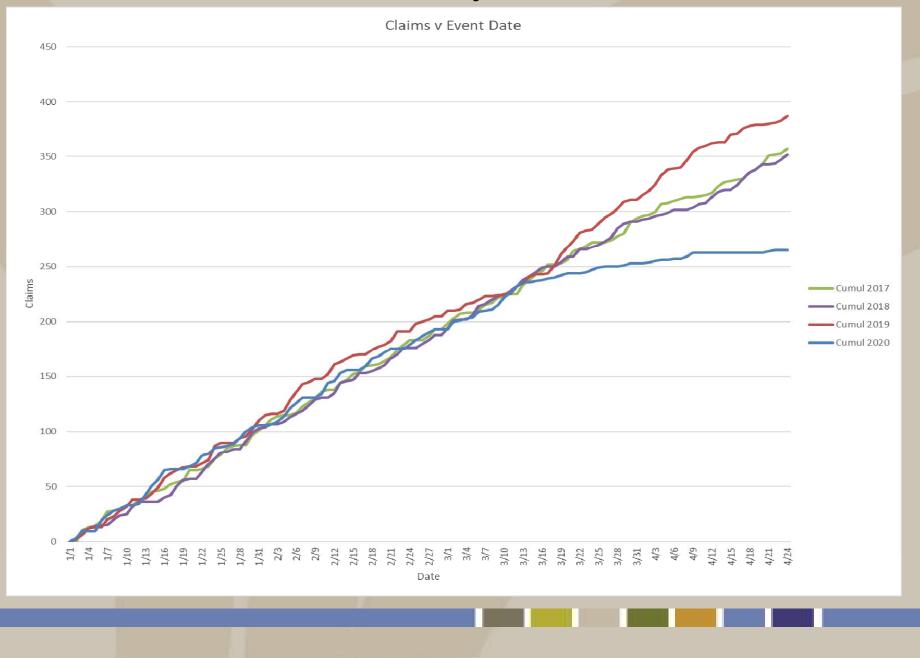
"Remember that employers, some of them are self-insured, some of them have large deductibles," he said. "Some of (the cost) will be borne directly by the employers."

## **Total Claims** Claims v Event Date 6000 5000 4000 000£ Claims Cumul 2017 ——Cumul 2018 —— Cumul 2019 2000 1000 0 Date

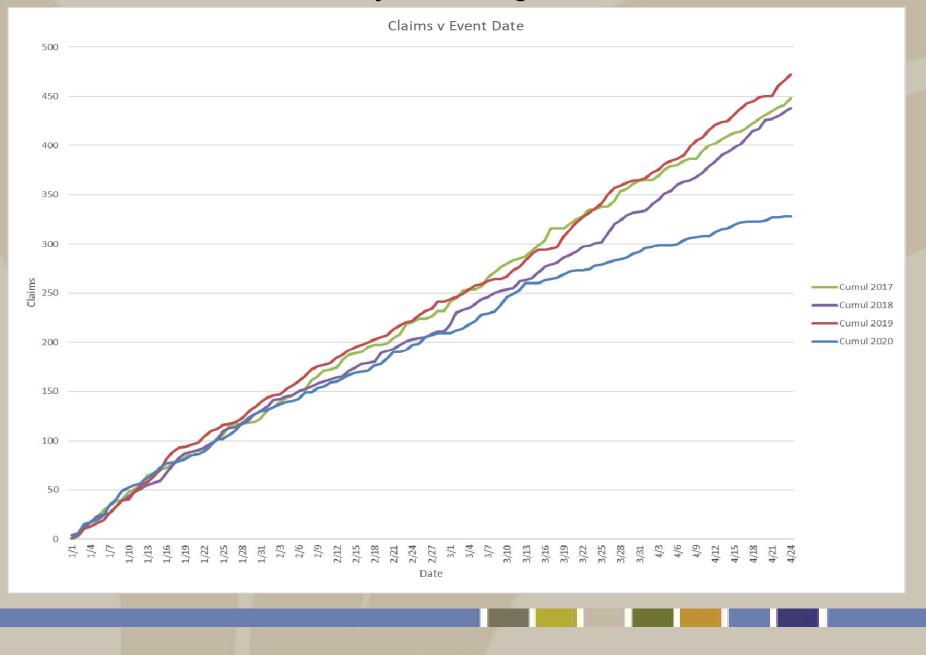
#### **Workers' Compensation Claims**



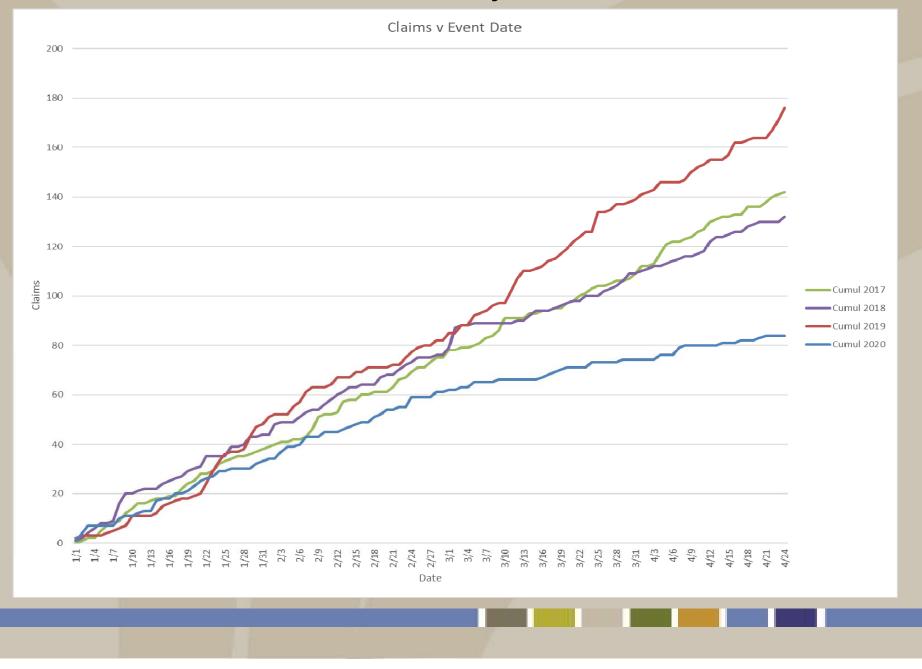
### **Auto Liability Claims**



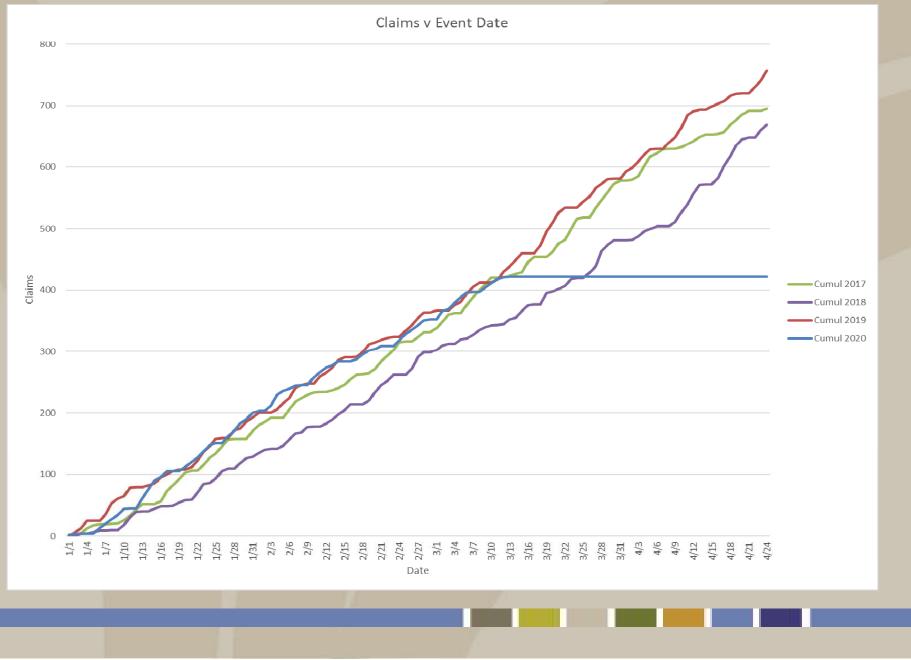
#### **Auto Physical Damage Claims**



#### **General Liability Claims**



#### **Student Accident Claims**



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