

Unions negotiate COVID-19 agreement covering civil servants

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On 3 April, the main trade union confederations - Cgil, Csil and Uil - signed an [agreement](#) with the public service ministry covering the health and safety and working time of civil servants. This follows the 25 March agreement covering the safety of [healthcare workers](#) and the 19 March agreement in the [waste sector](#). The agreement covers the role of trade unions, smart working, rules for workers who have to attend workplaces and the health and safety procedures to be followed to protect both workers and members of the public, such as closure of facilities for cleaning where there have been COVID-19 infected workers or members of the public. It also includes rules on using up annual leave and parental leave for those who cannot work, along with extra time off for those already entitled to leave to look after dependants.

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