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## Return to Work, With a Smile

COVID-19 changed work for many Americans—from forcing remote work to causing layoffs, a ripple effect was felt throughout the country and the world that we are still dealing with. Many of Tangram’s clients also felt the effects of COVID-19 on their work. Whether they had to place their job searches on hold or were furloughed, our clients anxiously awaited news that they could return to work.

Tyler is one of those people. For about two years he has worked at Shoe Carnival, placing security tags on shoes. He works one day per week for a couple of hours and really enjoys his time. Not only is he developing his skills, but his work is also important to him from a social perspective.



Tyler is one of the friendliest people we know. He loves to give hugs and elbow bumps and make new friends. Seeing his coworkers once a week was a treat, and he couldn’t wait to return.

When Tyler got the news that he would be returning to work, he was excited, but he knew that there would be changes. His team worked with him to get used to wearing a mask, hand sanitizing, and replacing hugs with waves.

Now, three weeks back on the job, Tyler is doing great! His direct support staff, Chris, reports that he has been successfully following COVID-19 safety precautions and loves being back at work. “He has been good about keeping his distance. His coworkers are very friendly to him and he is really happy to be back at work,” said Chris.

As the world starts to re-open in the wake of COVID-19, we know that many of our clients, like Tyler, will be ready to return to work, with a smile!

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