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# SPECIAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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## OREGON OSHA ISSUES NEW COVID-19 REGULATION

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The SARS-CoV-2 pandemic has had a far reach, impacting every business and individual in this country. As we head into the fall season, it appears that infection rates are increasing with more time spent indoors. To address workplace-acquired COVID-19 infections, Oregon OSHA has released a [temporary standard](#) that they plan to adopt on October 21, 2020, and enforce starting November 1, 2020. Highlights of the standard include:

1. Exposure risk assessment (documented if > 10 employees)
2. Infection control plan (documented if > 10 employees)
3. Employee training
4. Employee testing
5. Medical removal process
6. Infection notification process
7. Protocols for physical distancing
8. PPE use
9. Sanitation requirements
10. Requirements for building operators

The standard also includes mandatory appendices, which can be viewed at the Oregon [OSHA COVID-19 resource page](#).

Given that new viral outbreaks occur periodically (H1N1, SARS, and MERS) and the impact that SARS-CoV-2 has had, it is prudent to develop policies and procedures to enable a quick response, protect employees, and limit business interruptions.

Below are additional links to watch for updates as this pandemic continues:

**Washington Department of Labor & Industries**  
[www.lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/novel-coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19-resources](http://www.lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/novel-coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19-resources)

**Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH)**  
[labor.alaska.gov/COVID-19.htm](http://labor.alaska.gov/COVID-19.htm)

**California/OSHA**  
[www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Health-Care-General-Industry.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Health-Care-General-Industry.html)

**Federal OSHA**  
[www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html](http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html)

**Centers for Disease Control & Prevention**  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)