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Covid 19 Emergency Temporary Standard



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We have the federal grant for the State of South Dakota, with a team of six individuals, four who actively do Safety and Health Consultation and Industrial hygiene evaluations. Our Program Director Greg Dyrenk and our Program Assistant, Lisa Skovlund, make up the rest of our team.

OSHA Consultation guidelines has us focusing on small employers in the state of South Dakota. If the location is less than 250 employees and the corporation is less than 500 employees, that is our top priority.

I have been serving in this role for two years. My past background is HVAC design and maintenance, Building Automation systems, Electronics design and engineering, Software and programming, and Manufacturing.



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Covid 19 Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS).

- This is the location for everyone to look at the 1910, subpart U, for Health care workplaces.

https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910#1910_Subpart_U

It had four sections in it, 502 – Healthcare, 504 – Mini Respiratory protection program, 505 – severability, and 509 – Incorporation by reference.

- Section 509 is reference locations and agencies mentioned. Like CDC, EPA, ANSI, and various spots that are created for guidance like Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidance. COVID-19, or Return to Work Healthcare Guidance.
- Section 505, a litigation type statement. The Subpart U was created as a multi-layer approach so if one part is struck down in the court of law, the other provisions are still in effect.
- Section 504, mini respirator standard taking some parts of the overall respirator standard used everywhere/every kind of business and work process, and has it focused on Healthcare with Covid-19 scenarios.
- Section 502, Healthcare.

This all was started by a Presidential Executive order, Jan 21st 2021.

An Emergency Temporary standard is not created with out a lot of review and discussion. A key statement is “workers in grave danger, as apposed to a significate risk”.



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The ETS for health care, has been published on June 21st. Most provisions go into effect 14 days after this publication, which is July 6th and the remaining provisions after 30 days, July 21st.

It has been emphasized that this is temporary, and in six months or less, a full review and possible expiration of this standard will occur. But Safety and Health of everyone is never temporary, there is great positives that can be learned and incorporated.

Efforts were made to NOT have a broad set of standards that would cover dozens of businesses and hundreds of processes, like other standards. Instead, it is trying to focus closer on the most dangerous area of a Covid 19 situation.

Places like a Physical Therapist, retail pharmacists, or off sight laundry services, are not to be regulated by this temporary standard. Two key points: Are the Employees vaccinated, and do any non-employee people get screened and prevented from entering?

Some items that I personally noticed with the training and learning of these standards:

- ❖ Good Faith effort. Have documentation organized and current. Have dates, signatures, Rev history maybe..
- ❖ Make sure you have a person picked as the Covid-19 Safety coordinator and everyone that is covered in this standard can say who that person is, by name.
- ❖ The Covid 19 plan can be just for a part of the building. Many areas don't need to be part of the Covid 19 plan. A break room, meeting / conference rooms, people's offices...
- ❖ Have Screening systems in place.
- ❖ Big on full vaccinations and have records/scanned copies of the vaccine cards. But I understand sharing medical information is voluntary.... And it is a key part of getting something or an area exempt.
- ❖ Keep a Covid 19 Positive or Negative log of your employees if symptoms occur. Also keep up with your OSHA 300 Logs if applicable.
- ❖ CDC loves the PCR level of testing..



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Review of the standards in 502 and 504.

<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.502>

<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.504>

Review of the OSHA COVID-19 help page for this Emergency Temporary Standard for Healthcare.

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets>

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>



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Questions and Answers, (no applause please).