OSHA Guidance Published for Coronavirus (COVID-19) OSHA 3990-03 2020, Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

The World Health Organization (WHO) officially recognized the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as a world pandemic, affecting people across six continents.

As a result of the widespread disease, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published <u>OSHA 3990-03</u> 2020, <u>Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19</u>, to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak in the workplace. The guidance is based on traditional infection prevention and industrial hygiene practices.

Steps covered in the guidance document include:

- Develop an infectious disease preparedness and response plan
- Prepare to implement basic infection prevention measures
- Develop policies and procedures for prompt identification and isolation of sick people, if appropriate
- Develop, implement, and communicate about workplace flexibilities and protections
- Implement workplace controls
- Follow existing OSHA standards.

Plan ahead to address COVID-19 in your workplace and prevent the spread of the disease. OSHA also has a <u>Safety & Health Topics webpage</u> devoted to COVID-19. The webpage includes an overview of COVID-19, quick facts, existing OSHA

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standards that apply to protecting workers, and links to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 guidance.

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