# OSHA Revises COVID-19 National Emphasis Program
## *Effective Date: July 7, 2021*

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a revised direction, effective July 7, 2021. The revised OSHA Direction, DIR 2021-03 (CPL 03), has the following significant changes:

**OSHA DIRECTION**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  Occupational Safety and Health Administration

| DIRECTIVE NUMBER: DIR 2021–03 (CPL 03) | EFFECTIVE DATE: July 7, 2021 |
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| SUBJECT: Revised National Emphasis Program – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) | |

(1) Incorporates the new Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID-19 in healthcare

(2) No longer contains the list of secondary target industries (previously in Appendix B)

(3) Refers compliance safety and health officers (CSHOs) to the OSHA Direction, DIR 2021-02 (CPL 02), Inspection Procedures for the COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard, June 28, 2021

(4) Refers CSHOs for non-healthcare establishments to Updated Interim Enforcement Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), July 7, 2021

**Note**: The OSHA Regional goal of this NEP is to continue performing a high percentage of COVID-19 inspections (at least 5 percent) of the Region's total assigned inspection goal.

This Direction is effective for 12 months, unless canceled or extended by a superseding directive. Federal agencies are covered by this emphasis program, provided the agencies are subject to inspection and have employees exposed to hazards covered in this NEP. The primary target industries are described in Appendix A.

> Appendix A of the Direction lists primary target industries in healthcare (e.g., offices of physicians/dentists, ambulance services, general medical/surgical hospitals), and non-healthcare (e.g., grocery stores, discount department stores, general warehousing and storage, full service restaurants, limited service restaurants, correctional institutions) by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

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