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GCCA Update on COVID-19

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Agenda

- OSHA COVID Policies
- Vaccines
- USDA Industry Survey opportunity
- American Rescue Plan
- GCCA Resources
- Q&A

PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE COVID-19 RESPONSE AND PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

JANUARY 2021



Biden COVID Strategy

- Goal 1: Restore trust with the American people.
- Goal 2: Mount a safe, effective, comprehensive vaccination campaign.
- Goal 3: Mitigate spread through expanding masking, testing, treatment, data, workforce, and clear public health standards.
- Goal 4: Immediately expand emergency relief and exercise the Defense Production Act.
- Goal 5: Safely reopen schools, businesses, and travel, while protecting workers.
- Goal 6: Protect those most at risk and advance equity, including across racial, ethnic and rural/urban lines.
- Goal 7: Restore U.S. leadership globally and build better preparedness for future threats.

Executive Order: Protecting Worker Health and Safety

- Requires OSHA to release guidance within two weeks to employers on workplace safety during the pandemic
- Calls on OSHA to evaluate whether any emergency temporary standards are needed.
 - March 15th deadline set to issue emergency standards
- Requires a review of OSHA's enforcement efforts related to COVID-19 and requires the administration to identify what changes could be made to protect workers

OSHA National Emphasis Program on COVID

- March 12th – OSHA issued Directive establishing a new National Emphasis Program (NEP) on COVID
- Describes policies and procedures to ensure that employees in high-hazard industries are protected from COVID hazards



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OSHA DIRECTION

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

DIRECTIVE NUMBER: DIR 2021-01 (CPL-03) | EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 2021
SUBJECT: National Emphasis Program – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

ABSTRACT

Purpose:

This Direction describes policies and procedures for implementing a National Emphasis Program (NEP) to ensure that employees in high-hazard industries or work tasks are protected from the hazard of contracting SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2), the cause of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The NEP augments OSHA's efforts addressing unprogrammed COVID-19-related activities, e.g., complaints, referrals, and severe incident reports, by adding a component to target specific high-hazard industries or activities where this hazard is prevalent. The NEP targets establishments that have workers with increased potential exposure to this hazard, and that puts the largest number of workers at serious risk. In addition, this NEP includes an added focus to ensure that workers are protected from retaliation, and are accomplishing this by preventing retaliation where possible, distributing anti-retaliation information during inspections, and outreach opportunities, as well as promptly referring allegations of retaliation to the Whistleblower Protection Program.

Scope:

This Direction applies OSHA-wide.

References:

[Presidential Executive Order on Protecting Worker Health and Safety](#), January 21, 2021.

Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act), [29 U.S.C. § 654](#).

OSHA Instruction, [CPL 02-00-164](#), *Field Operations Manual (FOM)*, April 14, 2020.

OSHA Instruction, [CPL 02-03-007](#), *Whistleblower Investigations Manual*, January 28, 2016.

OSHA Guidance, [Protecting Workers: Guidance on Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace](#), January 29, 2021.

(See [Section III](#) for additional references.)

Cancellations:

None.

OSHA COVID NEP

- NEP augments OSHA's efforts addressing unprogrammed, COVID-19-related activities, e.g., complaints, referrals, and severe incident reports
- Adds a component targeting specific high-hazard industries or activities where this hazard is prevalent.
- Targets establishments that have workers with increased potential exposure to this hazard.
- Includes an added focus to ensure that workers are protected from retaliation

Table 2. Targeted Industries for non-Healthcare by 2017 NAICS

NAICS Code	Industry
311612	Meat Processed from Carcasses
311611	Animal (except Poultry) Slaughtering
311615	Poultry Processing
445110	Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores
452112	Discount Department Stores
493110	General Warehousing and Storage
561320	Temporary Help Services*
722511	Full-Service Restaurants
722513	Limited-Service Restaurants
922140	Correctional Institutions

Updated Interim Enforcement Response Plan for COVID

- OSHA will prioritize COVID-19-related inspections involving deaths or multiple hospitalizations due to occupational exposures to COVID-19. In addition, this NEP will include the added focus of ensuring that workers are protected from retaliation.
- Where practical, OSHA will perform on-site workplace inspections:
- OSHA's goal is to identify exposures to COVID-19 hazards, ensure that appropriate control measures are implemented, and address violations of OSHA standards and the General Duty Clause.
- OSHA will at times use phone and video conferencing, in lieu of face-to-face employee interviews
- OSHA will also minimize in-person meetings with employers and encourage employers to provide documents and other data electronically to CSHOs.
- To the extent possible, all inspections should be conducted in a manner to achieve expeditious issuance of COVID-19-related citations and abatement.
- In cases where on-site inspections cannot safely be performed, remote-only inspections that may be conducted safely.

NEP Inspection Selection

- OSHA will generate two Master Lists for site selection.
- Master List 1 will be comprised of all establishments identified as having a NAICS code listed in Appendices A and B.
- Master List 2 will be comprised of establishments having a NAICS code listed in Appendices A and B and having an elevated illness rate as indicated by Form 300A data.
- ListGen assigns random numbers and provides the Master List in Random Number order.
- Highest priority given to fatality inspections related to COVID-19 and then to other unprogrammed inspections alleging employee exposure to COVID-19 related hazards.

Multi-facility Companies

- Establishments with more than one location engaged in the same or similar types of operations, may also have employees who are potentially exposed to COVID-19-related hazards at other locations.
- Compliance officers should consult with Area and Regional Offices to provide a letter to the corporate entities of such establishments, informing them of the COVID-19-related OSHA inspection.
- Be aware of potential for repeat or willful citations in other facilities, if hazards are not abated

Vaccine Issues

- States continue to make progress at varying rates
- Some have progressed to essential worker category
 - Recent examples - Maryland and Delaware
- GCCA continuing to work with Federal and State officials on essential worker access to vaccines
- InHouse Physicians on-site vaccination program

USDA Supported COVID Research – Survey Opportunity

- GCCA participated in USDA conference on COVID research
- Triggered by coalition request to better understand research being conducted
- Industry Impacts survey opportunity – GCCA members invited to participate

LESSONS FROM COVID-19: RESEARCH SURVEY



Our team is asking for your help to understand food supply chain disruptions to prepare for future pandemics or disruptions.

Please participate in a survey to help us understand the changes your business experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic to help us develop a model for redirecting supply chains in future pandemics, natural disasters and human-made crises.

You may participate in this survey by scanning the QR code below with the standard camera application on your smart phone or typing the link into your browser.

<https://tinyurl.com/afri-covid-survey-FL>



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Lessons from COVID-19: Positioning Regional Food Supply Chains for Future Pandemics, Natural Disasters and Humanmade Crises is supported by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, grant no. 2020-68006-33037, from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. This research survey received approval from the University of Florida Institutional Review Board (#IRB202002280).

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American Rescue Plan

- President Biden has proposed a \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan
- Democratic leaders in the House and Senate utilized the Budget Reconciliation process to advance the relief legislation
- Passed House and Senate on party-line votes
- Signed into law on March 11th

American Rescue Plan – Stimulus Checks

- This legislation sends a third round of stimulus payments -- this time at \$1,400 per eligible individual.
- Singles earning up to \$75,000 will get the full amount, with the payments phasing out completely by \$80,000 in income.
- Couples making up to \$150,000 will get \$2,800 -- \$1,400 per person -- with the payments declining at higher incomes and zeroing out altogether at \$160,000.
- Children and adult dependents in those households are also eligible for \$1,400 payments.

American Rescue Plan – Unemployment Insurance

- ARP extends supplemental unemployment benefits that were previously scheduled to start running out March 14. The bill extends the weekly federal benefit of \$300 a week through Sept. 6.
- Original proposal was to increase weekly amount to \$400/week, but was revised to \$300 as a result of Senate negotiations

American Rescue Plan - Small Business Provisions

- Expand Paycheck Protection Program eligibility and increase program funding by \$7.25 billion
- Allocate \$15 billion for the Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance program
- Provide \$25 billion for a new program at the SBA offering assistance to restaurants and other food and drinking establishments.
- Appropriate \$840 million for administrative costs to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID–19 pandemic, including expenses related to PPP, aid to Venues, and grants to restaurants.
- Fund \$460 million for the disaster loan program

American Rescue Plan – Food Supply Chain

- The American Rescue Plan includes provisions to support Food Supply Chain and Agriculture Pandemic Response.
- We believe that the funds dedicated to support loans and grants to strengthen the food supply chain within the American Rescue Plan have the potential to provide critical support to our industry.
- GCCA has met with the White House and USDA to discuss pandemic impacts on industry and how USDA programs can help support members
- USDA-AMS holding a stakeholder session on March 19th
 - GCCA participating

American Rescue Plan – Food Supply Chain

- **Strengthening the Food Supply Chain**
- To respond to disruptions in the food supply chain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Rescue Plan makes long-term investments to increase the resiliency of the food supply in the future:
 - Increases food available for distribution through food banks, nonprofits, or restaurants to help feed families in need and at the same time supports farmers by purchasing their products.
 - Provides grants and loans to reimburse or purchase personal protective equipment, test kits, and other measures to keep essential food workers safe.
 - Invests in infrastructure and retooling support for food processors, farmers markets, food banks, local food systems, and producers to build resiliency in the food supply for the long term.

GCCA Resource: COVID-19 Recovery Guide

Follow-up to GCCA COVID-19 Rapid Response Guide.

Guides businesses through two stages of recovery:

- Bringing your workforce back on-site
- Ensuring continued safety and well-being



Essential Worker Designation and Badges

INSERT COMPANY LOGO



FIRST NAME LAST NAME

Company Name

Facility Address Line 1
Facility City, State Zip
United States

**Designated Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker
by U.S. Department of Homeland Security CISA**

**Frontline Workers in Food and Agriculture and
Transportation and Logistics have been categorized
as Essential Workers by the U.S. Centers for Disease
Control for purposes of vaccine prioritization**



Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- Workers supporting groceries, pharmacies, convenience stores, and other retail (including unattended and vending) that sells human food, animal/pet food and pet supply, and beverage products, including retail customer support service and information technology support staff necessary for online orders, pickup and delivery.
- Restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations, including dark kitchen and food prep centers, and carry-out and delivery food employees.
- Food manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—to include those employed in food ingredient production and processing facilities; livestock, poultry, seafood slaughter facilities; pet and animal feed processing facilities; human food facilities producing by-products for animal food; beverage production facilities; and the production of food packaging.
- Farmers, farm workers, and agribusiness support services to include those employed in auction and sales; grain and oilseed handling, processing and distribution; animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically and for export.
- Farmers, farm workers, support service workers, and their supplier employees to include those engaged in producing and harvesting field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; biodiesel and renewable diesel facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs.
- Employees and firms supporting the distribution of food, feed, and beverage and ingredients used in these products, including warehouse workers, vendor-managed inventory controllers and blockchain managers.
- Workers supporting the sanitation and pest control of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail.
- Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary for agricultural production and distribution.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

- Workers supporting the distribution of food, pharmaceuticals (including materials used in radioactive drugs) and other medical materials, fuels, chemicals needed for water or water treatment and energy. Maintenance and operation of essential highway infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and tunnels (e.g., traffic operations centers and moveable bridge operators).
- Employees of firms providing services, supplies, and equipment that enable warehouse and operations, including cooling, storing, packaging, and distributing products for wholesale or retail sale or use. Includes cold- and frozen-chain logistics for food and critical biologic products.
- Warehouse operators, including vendors and support personnel critical for business continuity (including HVAC & electrical engineers; security personnel; and janitorial staff) and customer service for essential functions.
- Employees supporting or enabling transportation functions, including truck drivers, bus drivers, dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers, truck stop and rest area workers, Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) employees, towing/recovery services, roadside assistance workers, intermodal transportation personnel, and workers who maintain and inspect infrastructure (including those that require cross-jurisdiction travel).

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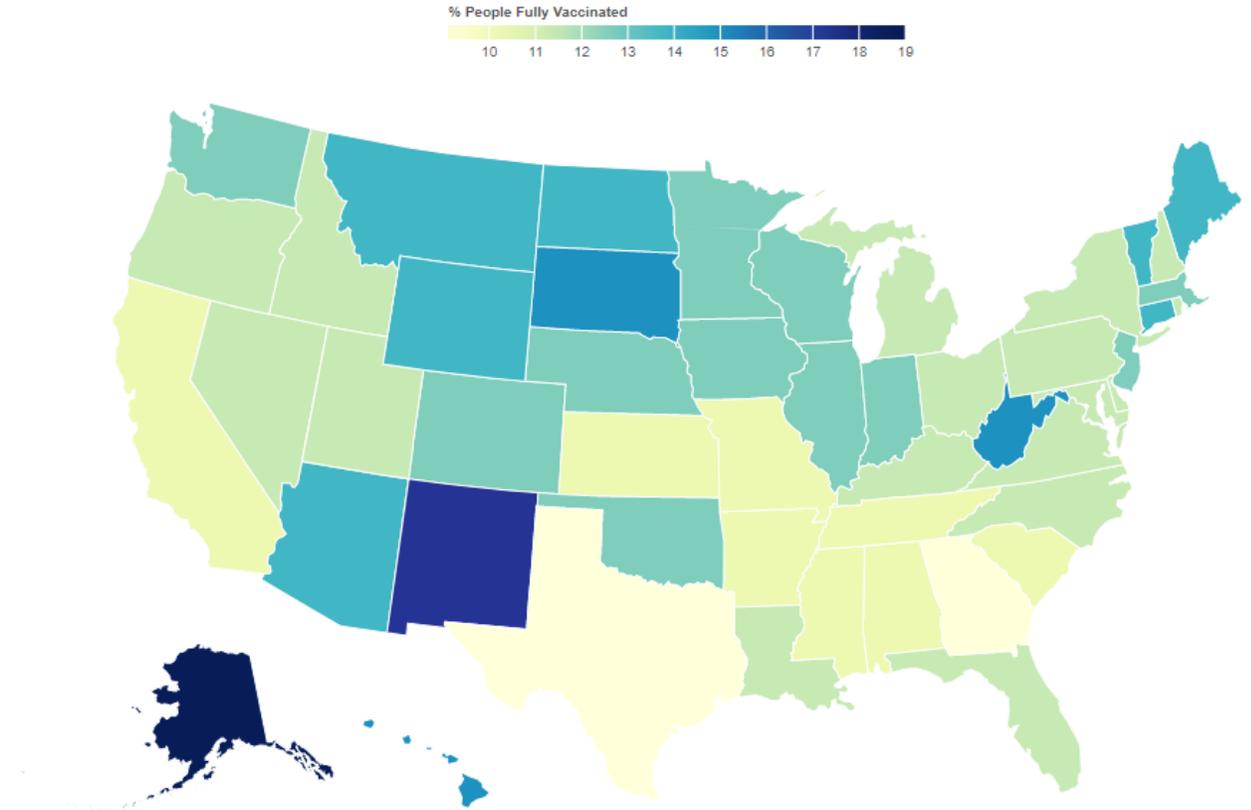
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Vaccination Progress State-by-State

Johns Hopkins University
Coronavirus Resource Center

- State metrics
- International metrics
- Global cases and trends, updated daily



State Vaccination Program Resources

AutoSave Off State Vaccine Plans - Read-Only - Excel Lowell Randel

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C5 AZ State Plan

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	State	Essential Workers Phase	Plan Link	Current Status	Other Relevant Links	POD Information					
2	Alabama	Phase 1B (frontline essential), 1C (other essential)	AL State Plan	Phase 1A	AL Vaccination Providers	AL Provider Program Roadmap					
3					AL Vaccine Information						
4	Alaska	Phase 1B, Tier 2 (frontline essential), Phase 1C (other essential)	AK State Plan	Phase 1B (persons 65+)	AK Vaccine Availability Framework	AK Program Enrollment Instructions					
5					AZ 1B Essential Employer Request Form						
6	Arizona	Phase 1B	AZ State Plan	Phase 1B (in some counties)	AZ Vaccine Phases by County	AZ Pandemic Provider Onboarding					
7					AZ Vaccine Availability Infographic						
8	Arkansas	Phase 1B	AR State Plan	Phase 1B (Teachers and school staff; Persons 70+)	AR Phasing Information	AR Vaccine Provider Program					
9					CA Vaccination Information						
10	California	Phase 1B, Tier 2 (frontline essential), Phase 1C (other essential)	CA State Plan	Phase 1B, Tier 1	CA Recommendations for Moving through Phases and Tiers	CA Enrollment Resources					
11					CA Revision of Allocation Guidelines						
12					CA Vaccine Doses						

Sheet1

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GCCA Resources

- WFLO Scientific Advisory Council
- GCCA Online Communities

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- Urgent
- Somewhat Urgent
- Not Urgent

Please describe your inquiry with as much detail as possible. *

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>  Catharine Perry yesterday
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1. What are your questions about COVID-19?

Posted yesterday

QUESTIONS?

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