

## Workplace Advisory Memo 4.1.2022

Oregon OSHA, in alignment with updated public health guidance from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), has determined that the following changes to its COVID-19 Workplace Requirements for Employer-Provided Labor Housing (OAR 437-004-1115) are appropriate at this stage in the pandemic. As required, Oregon OSHA will initiate rulemaking to achieve these modifications. Until that rulemaking is complete, Oregon OSHA will modify its enforcement activities so that it does not enforce any provisions of the rule, other than the requirements that are outlined below.

### **Employer-Provided Housing**

Operators and owners of employer-provided housing must:

- 1) Allow occupants to voluntarily use facial coverings.
- 2) For air purifiers provided by the employer, allow occupants to use them and maintain the equipment at no cost.
- 3) For air purifiers provided by the occupant, allow occupants to use them at no cost.
- 4) Continue to follow all the steps required in the COVID-19 Response Plan.

Oregon OSHA will also continue meeting, at least monthly, with members of its Agriculture Labor Housing Advisory Committee seeking comprehensive, permanent improvements to Oregon OSHA's employer-provided labor housing rules. Additional information on the Agriculture Labor Housing Rulemaking Advisory Committee is available here:

<https://osha.oregon.gov/rules/advisory/alh/Pages/default.aspx>

Oregon OSHA will also continue working with all interested stakeholders, and other state agencies, on broader labor housing issues.