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### *Requirements for Facial Coverings*

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has announced that the masking requirements in its rule for Masking in Indoor Spaces (OAR 333-019-1025) and the masking requirements in its rule for Masking in Schools (OAR 333-019-1015) will be no longer be in effect beginning March 12, 2022.

Accordingly, Oregon OSHA will cease enforcement of both the indoor masking rules and the masking rule for schools on March 12, 2022. The facial coverings portion of Oregon OSHA's rule for general workplaces will be repealed soon in conjunction with other changes currently being discussed with stakeholders.

### **Facial Coverings in Exceptional Risk Settings (primarily healthcare) are still required**

A final decision has not been made regarding changes to the requirements for Exceptional Risk work settings. Oregon OSHA will continue to engage with stakeholders as it considers what should be done to best protect employees in these higher risk environments. At this time, and in alignment with OHA's continued masking requirements for health care, Oregon OSHA will continue to enforce facial coverings requirements in health care settings.