The Timeline has been adjusted to allow more time to refine initial draft for public review based on further consideration of the discussions in the stakeholder forums. The changed dates are highlighted in the document.

The COVID-19 emergency has highlighted the risks that any infectious disease, particularly one that is airborne, can create for a wide variety of workplaces. As a result of both the immediate and long-term risks highlighted by the current public and occupational health crisis, Oregon OSHA is responding to the request that the state adopt an enforceable workplace health rule on an emergency basis this summer, to be replaced by a permanent rule. This high-level timeline treats these as two essentially different projects, in both nature and scope, recognizing that an ongoing infectious disease rule would not be as closely tailored to the current crisis as would a temporary rule. It also assumes health care (and related activities) and the general workplace would require distinct (although interrelated) sets of requirements.

In both cases, Oregon OSHA plans to rely upon as much collaboration and consultation with experts and with stakeholders as the timeframes involved and other circumstances allow. In the case of the temporary rule(s) this will primarily be through targeted virtual forums and the circulation of a draft prior to a decision on adoption. In the case of the permanent rule(s), Oregon OSHA will be empaneling two rulemaking advisory committees in addition to employing targeted virtual forums and circulation of preproposal drafts.

June 26: Oregon OSHA announced that we have begun work (to be completed in consultation with OHA/Public Health and other technical advisors, as well as affected stakeholders) to draft and adopt a pair of temporary rules addressing the COVID-19 emergency. The target effective date is September 1, with the rule to remain in effect through February 2021. Oregon OSHA will also begin work on permanent rules addressing airborne infectious disease on an ongoing basis.

June 26: Began recruiting candidates for formal Rulemaking Advisory Committee members.

Week of June 29: Appoint initial members of Technical Advisory Committee: Dr. Paul Cieslak, Public Health Physician, OHA; Dr. Fred Berman, Toxicologist, formerly with OHSU’s Institute of Occupational Health Sciences; and Dr. David Michaels, Epidemiologist and Professor at George Washington University and formerly Assistant Secretary of USDOL for Federal OSHA.

Week of July 13: Begin meetings of Technical Advisory Committee, recruiting additional members as appropriate.

Week of July 13: Begin External Stakeholder meetings (series of industry-focused public “workshops” to discuss elements of temporary rule, as well as specific targeted discussions within health care and closely related industries).

August 17: Circulate draft of temporary rule addressing addressing COVID-19 emergency in the general workplace, as well as specific provisions addressing health care and closely related industries. Accept comments thru August 31 (not formal public comment, but similar to such a process).

Week of August 24: Empanel “Airborne Infectious Disease in Health Care” Rulemaking Advisory Committee (Health Care RAC) to work with Oregon OSHA on permanent rule language addressing health care and closely related activities.
**Week of August 24:** Empanel “Airborne Infectious Disease in the General Workplace” Rulemaking Advisory Committee (Workplace RAC) to work with Oregon OSHA on permanent rule language addressing the general workplace.

**August 21:** Discussion of temporary rule language and permanent rule process with Oregon OSHA Partnership Committee (temporary rule language to be finalized, but not yet adopted, as quickly as possible following the meeting and discussion).

**Week of August 31:** Publication of near final language of temporary rule, with a planned adoption and effective date **not later than September 14**.

**No later than September 14:** Adoption of temporary rule with immediate effect (to remain in place 180 days).

**Month of September:** Both Health Care RAC and Workplace RAC meet as necessary to provide feedback and advice regarding permanent rule.

**October 12:** Produce pre-proposal draft of permanent Airborne Infectious Disease in the Workplace Rule for stakeholder discussion (in meetings with the RACs and in response to broader circulation).

**Week of November 2:** File permanent rule as formal proposals, with comment period (including public hearings) extending through January 31, 2021.

**January 31:** Public comment period ends.

**Month of February:** Public comments reviewed by Oregon OSHA and final decision documents developed.

**Week of February 22:** Decision made whether to adopt, modify or withdraw one or both rules, with the effective date of any rule adopted to be March 1 (although any new requirements that had not been included in the temporary rules are expected to take effect at a later date (likely between 60 and 120 days later)).