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# Oregon OSHA offers free educational video on COVID-19 requirements in farm operations

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Salem, OR—Oregon OSHA has launched a free educational video to help employers and workers understand the requirements of a temporary rule that strengthens protections against the spread of the coronavirus in employer-provided housing and labor-intensive farm operations.

The 12-minute video – available in both English https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VZB15dsxEo&fe... (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VZB15dsxEo&feature=youtu.be) and Spanish https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9xQAoQYTwY&fe... (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9xQAoQYTwY&feature=youtu.be) – uses engaging graphics and concise narration to give an overview of the rule's three key parts: field sanitation, labor housing, and transportation.

"This is a challenging time for employers and workers who operate in this industry and during this emergency," said Roy Kroker, consultation and public education manager

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during this emergency," said Roy Kroker, consultation and public education manager for Oregon OSHA. "That is why we created this video, which is part of our larger and ongoing educational efforts to help them understand the requirements of this rule."

The video's topics include the appointment of physical distancing officers and other rule changes in field sanitation and housing operations. It also addresses requirements in transportation.

The video is intended to supplement – not replace – a careful reading of the rule. The rule stems from a March 20 request to immediately adopt requirements related to such housing and operations. Instead, Oregon OSHA treated the request as a petition for rulemaking and put it on a faster evaluation track than normal. The division reviewed more than 120 comments as part of the public process.

The division delayed enforcement of the rule, most of which took effect May 11, until June 1 in response to requests from employers for more time to comply. The rule will remain in effect until no later than Oct. 24, 2020.

Learn more about the rule online https://osha.oregon.gov/covid19/Pages/default.aspx (https://osha.oregon.gov/covid19/Pages/default.aspx) or call 503-378-3272.

Learn about Oregon OSHA's additional education and training services https://osha.oregon.gov/edu/Pages/index.aspx (https://osha.oregon.gov/edu/Pages/index.aspx) Find out about the division's virtual consultation services https://osha.oregon.gov/Documents/COVID19-Consulta... (https://osha.oregon.gov/Documents/COVID19-Consultation-flyer.pdf) specific to COVID-19.

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Oregon OSHA, a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, enforces the state's workplace safety and health rules and works to improve workplace safety and health for all Oregon workers. For more information, visit osha.oregon.gov

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