

# COVID-19 Focused Inspection Initiative in Healthcare



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## Takeaways:

If your facility meets the following criteria, expect to have an inspection scheduled within the next three months. A variety of online resources can be accessed through OSHA's public webpage, including the OSHA COVID-19 Safety and Health Topics Page ([www.osha.gov/coronavirus](http://www.osha.gov/coronavirus)). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the contacts below.

## Background:

OSHA announced a short-term increase in focused inspections directed at hospitals and skilled care facilities that treat or handle COVID-19 patients. The three-month period runs from March 9, 2022 to June 9, 2022. The emphasis of the inspections will be on monitoring current and future readiness to protect workers from COVID-19.

## Criteria and Assessments:

- The following NAICS Codes are included in this initiative
  - 622110 General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
  - 622210 Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Hospitals
  - 623110 Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities)
  - 623312 Assisted Living Facilities for the Elderly
- Facilities in the codes listed above may be selected for inspections if they meet one of the following criteria:
  - Follow-up inspection of any prior inspection where a COVID-19-related citation or hazard alert letter (HAL) was issued.
  - Follow-up or monitoring inspections for randomly selected closed COVID-19 unprogrammed activity.
  - Monitoring inspections for randomly selected, remote-only COVID-19 inspections where COVID-19-related citations were previously issued.
- The COVID-19 mitigation strategies inspected will be limited to the following assessments:
  - Determine whether previously cited COVID-19-related violations have been corrected or are still in the process of being corrected.
  - Determine whether the employer has implemented a COVID-19 plan that includes preparedness, response, and control measures.
  - Verify the existence and effectiveness of all control measures, including procedures for determining vaccination status by reviewing relevant records.



- Request and evaluate the COVID-19 Log and the Injury and Illness Logs for calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022.
- Review the facility's procedures for conducting hazard assessments and protocols for personal protective equipment.
- Conduct a limited records review of the employer's respiratory protection program.
- Perform a limited, focused walkaround of areas designated for COVID-19 patient treatment or handling.

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