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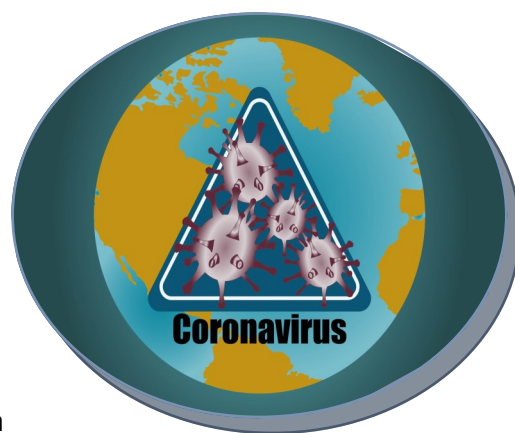
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### Hazard Communications During the Pandemic

We want to hear from our readers about how the global pandemic response efforts have affected your business or your clients' businesses. This is an unprecedented time and there is an opportunity to help our field continue during this pandemic and to prepare for similar situations in the future. We may share submitted information on social media, future engagements, and with other organizations.



We want to hear what has been helpful, what has been frustrating, and where have you turned for the most dependable guidance. Please share your experience via email to [socialmedia@schc.org](mailto:socialmedia@schc.org).

#### Upcoming Professional Development Course

The SCHC Professional Development Committee is working with course directors and instructors to offer a [multi-modal Transport course in July](#) and other distance learning opportunities in May, June and July. As details are updated, they will be shared on our website [schc.org](http://schc.org) including course announcements and how to register.

#### Mark Your Calendar

**May 21, 2020 - Free Webinar for SCHC Members Only -** [“How to Measure a Robust Chemical Resilience Program with the Supply Chain.”](#)

**May 29, 2020 - Free Webinar for BADGP & SCHC Members -** [“Classifications & Safety Data Sheets: Common Problems & Fixes”](#)

**July 21, 2020 - Distance Training:** [Multi-Modal Hazardous Materials/ Dangerous Goods Classification Training](#)

**September 19 - 23, 2020 - SCHC Fall 2020 Meeting, Arlington, VA**



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From the Member  
Engagement Desk

## From the Member Engagement Desk

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Happy April everyone.

Well, the world is a strange place right now, and I know that many people are working from home or furloughed and that is such a challenge. We at SCHC are here for you, though. We have a [twitter feed](#) and a [Facebook page](#) where we're keeping you up-to-date, as well as running some competitions and ways to connect with fellow members while we are all social distancing.

While we didn't have the Spring meeting, we are continuing to work behind the scenes as an organization. We had the full board meeting as a conference call. To that end, what was formerly the Outreach Committee is now the Member Engagement committee! We are still doing what we are doing, but now we have a name that better reflects what we do. We provide services for you, our members. We help you stay in touch with each other, stay in touch with the organization, and serve the greater community. And we will be doing more in the future. So keep an eye on our various pages for news.

Right now, I'm working from home. My garden is coming in well and the spring flowers are making it hard to remember how complicated the world is right now. The normalcy of nature belies the tumultuous reality in which we live. We have a lot of COVID information in this newsletter because the best way we can protect ourselves and our loved ones is to take reasonable precautions and realize that our actions can affect others without us realizing it. So stay safe, stay well, stay social online through our Facebook page, and hopefully our next newsletter will have happier news.

Chandra Gioiello, Chair  
Member Engagement Committee

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## REGULATORY

OSHA Interim  
Enforcement Response  
Plan for Coronavirus  
Disease 2019

Prop 65 New Fact Sheet  
for N-Methylpyrrolidone  
(NMP)

### OSHA's Interim Enforcement Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019

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The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued a [memo regarding its Interim Enforcement Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). The memo provides instructions and guidance to area offices and compliance safety and health offices (CSHOs) for handling COVID-19 related complaints, referrals, and severe illness reports. The scope covers all investigations and inspections specifically related to the workplace hazard of SARS-CoV-2. The link is connected to attachments for workplace risk levels, complaints, referrals and Rapid Response Investigations (RRIs), inspections, sample employer letter for COVID-19 activities, sample hazard alert letter for COVID-19 inspection, sample AVD for citing general duty clause, and other resources.

### Prop 65 New Fact Sheet for N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP)

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California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) issued a [new fact sheet for N-Methylpyrrolidone \(NMP\)](#). This chemical is found in many paint, graffiti and coating removers and strippers. The chemical is on the Proposition 65 list because it can cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. The most common way to be exposed is through skin contact. Aerosol products that contain the chemical can be inhaled. Inhalation during pregnancy can pass the chemical from mother to baby.



## REGULATORY

### Health Canada's Guide for Licensing Hand Sanitizers

## Guide on Health Canada's Interim Expedited Licensing for Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizers

*Submitted by Denese Deeds, CIH, FAIHA, SDSRP*

Health Canada has created a [website resource titled "Guide on Health Canada's interim expedited licensing approach for the production and distribution of alcohol-based hand sanitizers."](#) It provides information implemented by Health Canada to support companies that intend to use their facilities to manufacture, package, label and/or import alcohol-based hand sanitizers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing the following medicinal ingredients are natural health products (NHPs) in Canada and are regulated under the [Natural Health Products Regulations](#) (NHPR):

- Ethanol, also known as "anhydrous alcohol", "ethyl alcohol", or "grain alcohol".
- Isopropanol, also known as "isopropyl alcohol" or "2-propanol".

All approved alcohol-based hand sanitizers must meet the necessary requirements under the NHPR. A **site license** is required to manufacture, package, label and/or import an NHP hand sanitizer in Canada. Please note that a site license is required for the production of finished NHPs, and is not required for the production of raw materials.

The website walks companies through the expedited process of how to apply for a site license, details information about relevant Good Manufacturing Practices, the difference between a site license and product license and how to apply for a product license or both, a labelling checklist and more.





## REGULATORY

### HMIRA Amendment Enforcement Info

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*Submitted by Denese Deeds, CIH, FAIHA, SDSRP*

Canada's Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau provided information regarding amendments to the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act (HMIRA), which went into force on March 18, 2020. The order in Council and Hazardous Materials Information Review Regulations and the Hazardous Product Regulations were published in the Canada Gazette, Part II on March 18th.

Here is a link to the publications:

*Order Fixing the Day on Which this Order is Published as the Day on Which Subdivision H of Division 9 of Part 4 of that Act Comes into Force (SI/2020-20):* <http://www.canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2020/2020-03-18/html/si-tr20-eng.html>

*Regulations Amending the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2020-38):* <http://www.canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2020/2020-03-18/html/sor-dors38-eng.html>

*Regulations Amending the Hazardous Materials Information Review Regulations and Repealing the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act Appeal Board Procedures Regulations (SOR/2020-39):* <http://www.canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2020/2020-03-18/html/sor-dors39-eng.html>

Some highlights from the amendments:

- Health Canada will release updated information about the required publication process,
- Health Canada is developing a risk-based approach to the review of SDSs and labels to prioritize a review,
- The ability to suspend or annul an exemption under the HMIRA was added,
- The ability to disclose confidential business information in certain situations has been added,
- The HMIRA appeals process and related Hazardous Materials Information Review Act Appeal Board Procedures Regulations were repealed,
- Responsibilities, duties and authorities of the screening officer and Chief Screening Officer were re-assigned to the Minister of Health and are delegated to the appropriate position in the Consumer Hazardous Products Safety Directorate
- and more.

## REGULATORY

### EPA Adds New Surface Disinfectant Products

### DOT Notice Regarding Transporting Hand Sanitizer

## EPA Continues to Add New Surface Disinfectant Products to List N in Effort to Combat COVID-19

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) posted a [news release](#) that details its commitment to increase the availability of surface disinfectants and to expedite the review process for new disinfectants and other pesticides. Previously, all products on List N had to either have an EPA emerging viral pathogen claim or have demonstrated efficacy against another human coronavirus. Now, List N also includes products on EPA's List G: Products effective against norovirus and List L: Products effective against the Ebola virus, as these products also meet EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2.

EPA has also updated List N to include types of surfaces products can be used on and sites (e.g. hospital, institutional or residential). For information about EPA's List of commodity inert ingredients, visit: [www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/commodity-inert-ingredients](http://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/commodity-inert-ingredients)

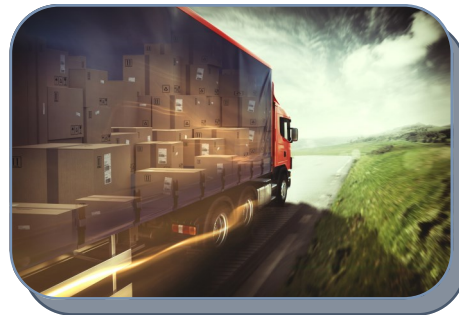
Information regarding this news release and other EPA efforts in the fight against the coronavirus can be found on [www.epa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.epa.gov/coronavirus).

## Revised DOT Notice for Transporting Hand Sanitizer by Highway

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*Submitted by Denese Deeds, CIH, FAIHA, SDSRP*

On April 10th, as part of the government's goals to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) posted the "[Revised Temporary Relief Notice for Companies Transporting Hand Sanitizer by Highway](#)." The notice includes information regarding the PHMSA's revised *Hand Sanitizer Notice of Enforcement Discretion*, which provides the option to use labels that conform to the FDA guidance provided the FDA labels are visible in transportation. Shipments by other modes of transportation must meet all requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations unless a relief has been provided elsewhere. There is also a link to a webinar regarding shipping alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



On April 20th, PHMSA issued a [notice of enforcement discretion](#) for the transportation and disinfecting materials to be used in protecting the health and safety of employees.



## REGULATORY

### FDA Provides Guidance on Production of Alcohol- Based Hand Sanitizer

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*Submitted by Denese Deeds, CIH, FAIHA, SDSRP*

Because of an increased demand for alcohol-based hand sanitizers during the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been reports of some consumers attempting to make hand sanitizers for personal use. The agency lacks information on the methods being used to prepare such products and whether they are safe for use on human skin.

The guidance [Temporary Policy for Preparation of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency \(COVID-19\)](#), is immediately in effect and outlines that the agency does not intend to take action against manufacturing firms that prepare alcohol-based hand sanitizers for consumer use and for use as health care personnel hand rubs during this ongoing public health emergency as described in the guidance.



The second guidance, [Policy for Temporary Compounding of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency](#), is in effect for the temporary compounding of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizers by pharmacists in state-licensed pharmacies or federal facilities and registered outsourcing facilities.

The FDA's guidance documents apply only to handrub products prepared using the United States Pharmacopoeia or Food Chemical Codex grade ingredients specifically described in the guidance, consistent with World Health Organization recommendations. The guidance documents also discuss product labeling and certain manufacturing methods and reporting requirements, such as that manufacturers must have a way to accept and submit adverse event reports to FDA for any products they manufacture.

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Dust Masks and Internet  
Searching  
Recommendations

## **Dust Masks and Internet Searching Recommendations**

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*Submitted by Charlie Sokol*

### Proper Use of Dust Masks

For a dust mask to be effective, there must be a tight seal between the edges of the mask and the skin. If this is not the case, when you breathe in, some air will leak in through the gaps between the mask and the skin, so some of the air you breathe will not be filtered by the mask.

For men, it is important that the area of the skin that comes in contact with the mask must be free of facial hair. Facial hair ever so slightly lifts that mask off the surface of the skin, producing small gaps between the mask and the skin. So men using dust masks must be clean shaven in the parts of the mask that come in contact with the skin.



This information must be provided to the general public, to ensure that they are using dust masks correctly. Members of the general public who use dust masks are lulled into a false sense of security when they use dust masks, as they are unaware of the proper way to use dust masks, and what will happen if they don't use the mask properly.

### Internet Searching Recommendations

It is more than 15 years since the internet's best search tools have been discontinued. So most people now use Google for internet searching, and are annoyed with all of the non-relevant search results they get when they use Google. There are two meta-search engines that I recommend people use to get almost no non-relevant search results. (A meta-search engine uses several engines to compile their search results.) Both of these meta search engines do an excellent job of eliminating non-relevant search results.

The two meta-search engines I recommend are:

Dogpile: [www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com)

Metacrawler: [www.metacrawler.com](http://www.metacrawler.com)



## REGULATORY

Workers' Memorial Day

OSHA Reschedules Event



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### Workers' Memorial Day

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## CONTACTS

Member Engagement and  
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Reminder

We at SCHC join in observing Workers' Memorial Day and honoring those who are no longer with us.

*"Workers' Memorial Day is a day for us to join together in remembering those who have lost their lives while doing their jobs," U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia said. "As we memorialize workers who have lost their lives, we are mindful of the U.S. Department of Labor's important role in working with employers and workers to create a national culture of safety. We are dedicated to working diligently every day to keep American workers safe and healthy on the job."*

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt added, "As we commemorate Workers' Memorial Day this year, millions of Americans are working around-the-clock to save lives and provide critical services for those in need throughout the country. OSHA remains committed to the goal that every worker should return home at the end of each workday, safe and unharmed."*

This joint statement commemorating Workers' Memorial Day from U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), Loren Sweatt can be viewed [here](#).

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### OSHA Fall Down for Safety Event Rescheduled

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The 7th Annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction event scheduled for May 2020 has been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/](https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/) to learn when the event is rescheduled and find other resources that can provide safety guidance in the workplace.

### MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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