

Codes and Standards

May 2020

1. NFPA annual conference has been cancelled. NFPA has not publicly announced the specifics nor the date of the voting that needs to take place. Following is the public information from NFPA, “Although C&E is being cancelled, the Annual Technical Meeting (Tech Session) will be held electronically. NFPA will be using alternative procedures so that those documents with Certified Amending Motions (CAM) for both Fall 2019 and Annual 2020 revision cycles can be processed by the NFPA Standards Council with input from the public and eligible voting NFPA members. While it is unfortunate that the current conditions created by the coronavirus have made this alternative action necessary, NFPA is working on a virtual solution for the 2020 Tech Session that preserves the essential elements core to the NFPA Standards Development process.”

2. Joint Commission has delayed all surveys and expect to be in business in June, beginning with new facilities then moving to triennial inspections

3. Joint Commission is expanding the role of LSC surveyors to include free standing ED's and ASC's. Expect additional scrutiny of these locations

4. AHCA plans and construction has enacted virtual tours for projects. Expect this to continue for some time and we may be supporting this as an association if the board approves

5. AHCA has not published top 10 deficiencies list for 2019, expected publication in March 2020, however I expect COVID-19 will take the rap on this one.

6. Your codes chair is being published in Health Facility Management Magazine in June, topic is flammable and toxic refrigerants in healthcare, keep it by your bedside as a sleep aid.

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