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To Whom it May Concern:

Please see the information below for use of plastic barriers used for separation of COVID positive areas in healthcare facilities.

Temporary allowances for plastic barriers used for separation from COVID positive areas

1. The facility needs to post signs on the plastic barriers that indicate “Tear Down In Case of Emergency, Emergency Exit”.
2. Staff shall be instructed to tear down and remove the barriers in case of a fire or emergency exit.
3. The plastic material shall be flame retardant plastic in accordance with California State Fire Marshal (<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/3107/regulations.pdf>) and NFPA 701, Test Method 2. If the building is not fully sprinklered, please contact the RCO listed below for further direction.

Fires and other events can and do happen in buildings during pandemics or other calamities. Therefore, the plastic sheeting must not block or prohibit the fire sprinklers from activating if needed and this must be considered when determining where to place barriers. The requirements noted in 1 through 3 above are minimum reasonable standards to protect life safety of all occupants and to ensure that the building can be safely evacuated if necessary. While not required, other safety actions that may be considered are to provide portable fire extinguishers in close proximity to areas enclosed by plastic sheeting and to provide a fire watch in accordance with OSHPD Policy Intent Notice No. 14, which can be found on the OSHPD website at: <https://oshpd.ca.gov/ml/v1/resources/document?rs:path=/Construction-And-Finance/Documents/Resources/Codes-and-Regulations/Policy-Intent-Notices-PINs/Pin-14-Fire-Watch.pdf>

If you have any questions or other concerns please contact the OSHPD Regional Compliance Officer for the region the facility is located in. Please utilize this link to determine the region your facility is in if unknown: <https://oshpd.ca.gov/construction-finance/facility-detail>

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Thank you,
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