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Dear Dr. Carome:

This letter is in response to your correspondence in which you urged the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue an emergency temporary standard to protect workers at elevated risk of exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the subsequent COVID-19 infection.

OSHA takes the virus's potential risk to workers very seriously. The agency is reviewing the information you submitted and is continuing to monitor this quickly evolving situation. As the situation continues to unfold, OSHA is taking the appropriate steps to protect workers from COVID-19 in coordination with the overall U.S. government response effort.

Thank you for your shared commitment to occupational safety and health. For further assistance, please contact Jessica Schifano, Director of the Office of Biological Hazards in OSHA's Directorate of Standards and Guidance, at (202) 693-2508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loren Sweatt".

Loren Sweatt
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary