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RE: Comments on Final Permanent Standard

Dear Safety and Health Codes Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Final Permanent Standard (FPS) for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV02 that causes COVID-19, § 16 VAC 25-220, as adopted on June 29, 2021. Christopher Newport University appreciates the careful consideration and attention the Safety and Health Codes Board has given to this issue over the last 18 months. Our university has implemented many policies and procedures to protect our students and employees that are in line with guidance from the CDC, VDH, and Governor Northam.

Christopher Newport respectfully requests the Board adopt Governor Northam's proposed substitute language for 16VAC25-220-10.E which would allow us to use CDC guidelines in concert with the FPS standards to be in compliance with the Department's regulations as the CDC guidance continues to evolve.

Sincerely,

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