

# MADISON COUNTY



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Reference IOSHA Safety Report # 1617924 dated April 24, 2023

To satisfy the IOSHA Safety Order and prevent any fines from being applied to the County or Coroner's office, the County Commissioners office has, in a good faith effort been required to take action. This action has been necessary because the coroner's office has failed to attend or respond to conference calls, and has not returned emails or phone calls from IOSHA. Madison County representatives (Commissioner's office, Human Resources, EMA, Building Maintenance) have attended every conference call, exchanged emails and have provided documents requested by IOSHA. Due to the lack of response from the Coroner's office and to avoid being assessed a monetary fine, we have taken the following steps on your behalf to meet IOSHA Safety Report.

Safety Order 1 Item 1; hand washing station:

Per IOSHA the current sink is not adequate. A hand washing station has been ordered and should be in place by May 8 just outside the cooler.

Safety Order 1 Item 2a PPE:

IOSHA observed employees working in and around the temporary overflow cooler without utilizing adequate personal protective equipment such as, but not limited to, gloves and gowns which exposed employees to the possibility of contact with biological substances. In order to satisfy this item a starting inventory supply of gloves, gowns, booties, and other PPE have been ordered and should be here in 8-10 days. You will need to maintain an adequate supply from now on.

Safety Order 1 Item 2b Adequate eye and face protection:

Adequate eye and face protection was not provided for employees that have the potential of occupational exposure to blood and other potential infectious materials when performing



normal job duties such as, but not limited to, cleaning up blood and handling corpses with various stages of decomposition. Satisfying this item, we purchased face shields. You will need to maintain an adequate supplies of these items.

Safety Order 1 Item 3 Sanitized work surfaces:

Employees were exposed to potential contact with biological substances from contaminated work surfaces such as, but not limited to, tables, waste receptacles, doors, electronics, and other working surfaces that were not effectively sanitized after use. We have taken steps to satisfy this item with IOSHA by purchasing cleaning sanitary supplies. You will need to maintain an adequate cleaning supplies from this point forward. We also purchased a cabinet to safely hold PPE and sanitation supplies.

Safety Order 1 Item 4 Used sharp container:

Contaminated sharps used to withdraw body fluids were not adequately contained which created the possibility of contact with biological substances. A universal standard style sharps container has been installed beside the temporary emergency cooler. You will need to establish a pickup for proper disposal when needed. You may want to contact MCCC or the Health Department as they already have a company established to pick up for their sharp containers.

Safety Order 1 Item 5 Storage and disposal of contaminated textiles:

Employees were exposed to potential contact with biological substances from handling contaminated clothing and other textiles that were not bagged or in special containers. A hazardous material container which shall be labeled, or color coded, with universal standard hazard red storage bags has been purchased and placed beside the cooler for employees use. You will need to establish a pickup for proper disposal of contents as needed and maintain an adequate supply of bags from this point forward.

Since the listed items are required for your department by IOSHA, it is your responsibility to pay for them and maintain adequate inventory from this point forward. Total cost for the items ordered is \$1,506.19 with a monthly re-occurring charge estimated at \$150.00. We recommend you prepare a new money appropriation request form for the County Council review and approval for this cost, as is the standard for all county departments. Once you have the new money request approved, the funds that were used to satisfy this report will be reimbursed from your new money request.

This will resolve IOSHA Safety Report dated April 24, 2023.

Thank you,

Madison County Board of Commissioners

Madison County Administrator