May 8, 2020

Dear Participants,

The Deep South Center, following the recommendations from CAOHC and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine has postponed all Spirometry courses until we receive follow-up guidance in reopening the courses.

With this being said, the April and now the June initial and refresher courses have been postponed. The Deep South Center, being a NIOSH ERC, is committed to the well-being, health and safety of all workers and we are researching safety measures with CDC guidance for when these restrictions are lifted and we can safely resume the Audiometric initial and refresher courses.

**Letter from CAOHC on Audiometric Refresher Extensions:**

The response to the COVID-19 virus has resulted in many questions. While considering the well-being of our community, CAOHC will be immediately implementing the following:

Any OHC certification that expires between March 16th and September 30th will automatically be extended for 6 months from the date of expiration. All other expiration dates will remain the same. CAOHC understands many courses have been cancelled or will be cancelled as a result of government efforts to limit the spread of disease.

- If a longer extension is needed, please fill out an extension form on the CAOHC website, www.caohc.org
- If you need to cancel attendance at a course, please contact wilson75@uab.edu.

During this time of uncertainty we ask that you practice caution, adhere to all information received from the government and your local municipalities, and use your best judgement to keep yourself and others safe. Please contact CAOHC at info@caohc.org with any concerns.

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As a footnote, please access our website, [www.uab.edu/soph/dsc](http://www.uab.edu/soph/dsc) and our Facebook page, Deep South Center for OH&S, for guidance from the CDC and links to recommendations on best safety practices during this pandemic.

Your health and safety and that of our faculty and is most important to us and we hope to see you in August. Please direct any questions to Laura Wilson, wilson75@uab.edu.

Stay safe-Stay well.

Sincerely,

*The Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety*