

CALIFORNIA ATD STANDARD - WORKSHOP SESSION SUMMARY
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1. Session Title and Presenter's Contact Information:

"Learning a New Standard – California Aerosol Transmissible Disease (ATD)"
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2. Workshop Summary

The objective of this 90-minute exercise is to teach participants how to use and research information contained in a new standard and requirements of the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Disease Standard. Participants will be able to identify which diseases or pathogens are covered by the ATD Standard as well as understanding their workers' rights under the standard.

3. Methods

To make this training effective and meaningful, we support participant centered learning. We do so by using a method designed specifically for peer to peer learning called the Small Group Activity Method or SGAM. Participants work together in small groups during the workshop to answer questions about pertinent information found in the CA ATD Standard. One person in the group volunteers to be the group reporter and write down the group's responses to the questions. During the report-back the reporter shares the group's answers to the question with the entire workshop.

Maximum class size should be at least 25 to allow most participants to ask questions.

4. Main Points

Key lessons from the workshop:

- In 2009, at the beginning of the H1N1 Flu Pandemic, Cal/OSHA adopted this unique standard aimed at protecting workers in California at high risk

of droplet and airborne spread infectious diseases such as pandemic influenza, tuberculosis and chicken pox (varicella).

- This standard is the first enforceable comprehensive worker health and safety protection standard for ATD in the country.
- Standard could become a model for a nationwide OSHA standard as did Blood borne Pathogens and Safer Sharps.

Responses from the participants

- Everyone enjoyed the workshop and was impressed with the delivery of the training.
- Learning a new standard can be easy and not cumbersome once delivered in a participatory method.
- Learning took place even though there were only five participants in attendance at the workshop.
- It would be nice if Federal OSHA could have a national aerosol transmissible disease standard like the one in California to protect workers.

6. Workshop Handouts/ Resources

Handouts: California Aerosol Transmissible Disease Standard (ATD) Teaching How to Use a New Standard - PPT