



# STANDARDS ACTIONS

## PUBLIC REVIEW—CALL FOR COMMENTS

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### 30-day Public Review from September 18, 2020 — October 18, 2020

- ♦ **1<sup>st</sup> Publication Public Review of BSR/ASHRAE/ ASHE Addendum r to ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2017, Ventilation of Health Care Facilities**

In reviewing Addendum a, it was noticed the filter requirements listed for nursing homes are not consistent with the informative appendix table for recommended filter efficiencies by space type. Resident rooms are noted as requiring MERV-14 in the informative appendix as “Resident rooms in a skilled nursing area”, however other resident spaces were assigned MERV-8 under the category of “Any room, inpatient or outpatient, where a patient stays less than 6 hours including waiting rooms”. This is incorrect in that 1: residents are not patients; and 2: residents frequently spend amounts of time exceeding 6 hours outside of their room in these areas of the facility. This proposed addendum increases filtration in nursing homes to MERV-14. Section 6.4(i) is revised to not include Table 9.1 because in Table 9.1 the only spaces that do not permit room recirculation are 100% exhaust spaces.

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The committee has reviewed and identified that the standard could better address the varied conditions that arise in planning, designing and implementing airborne infectious isolation rooms, an especially relevant issue as we navigate the many challenges of a world-altering pandemic event.

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The proposed changes specifically ensure that the standard provides flexibility in treating the exhaust discharge arrangements from these spaces, in alignment with CDC guidelines on this topic.

### 45-day Public Review from September 18, 2020 — November 2, 2020

- ♦ **1<sup>st</sup> Publication Public Review of BSR/ASHRAE Standard 219-202x, Method of Testing the Ability of Liquid Line Filter Driers or Adsorbents to Remove Organic Acid**

ASHRAE Standard 219-202x establishes a suitable laboratory apparatus and test method for determining the ability of various adsorbents and refrigerant liquid line filter driers to remove specific organic acids from refrigerant-lubricant mixtures.

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