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**OSHA Issues Major Chemical Safety Enforcement Guide Changes**

*Bloomberg Law*

A federal worker safety enforcement directive for refineries, chemical plants, and other facilities with large amounts of chemicals has received an overhaul for the first time in 30 years. [READ MORE](#)

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*The Synergist*

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**Updated WHO COVID Prevention Guidance May**
Endanger Rather Than Protect, Some Experts Say

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VMBS News
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As Summers Grow Ever Hotter, OSHA Appears Ready to Protect Workers

Grist
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NHPR
Connecticut healthcare workers are demanding better protections following the death of visiting nurse Joyce Grayson at a halfway house last year. The nurses met with acting U.S. Labor Secretary Julie Su at the nursing lab at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich on Friday to offer input on federal legislation designed to protect healthcare workers from workplace violence. READ MORE

Reduced Blood Lead Levels Linked to Lower Blood Pressure in American Indians

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
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