



SUMMARY

Joint Commission has requested an 1135 Waiver on behalf of hospitals pertaining to inspection, testing and maintenance. The purpose of this waiver is to give clarity and set expectations around the survey standards for facilities after the State of Emergency (SOE) is lifted. Fire Door Solution's subject matter experts have reviewed the 1135 Waiver and interpreted the following.

NATIONAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION DATE: MARCH 1, 2020

Yearly Door Inspections (EC.02.03.05 EP 25)

- Tests with due dates prior to the SOE that have not been completed, will receive no additional grace period and be citable.
- Tests with due dates during the SOE will be granted a 60 Day grace period that will begin at the end of the SOE.
- Tests with due dates after the conclusion of the SOE will maintain their due date, and will not be granted an additional grace period.

6 Year Damper Inspections (EC.02.03.05 EP 18)

- No change to the standard. No additional grace period will be granted.

Rated Barrier/Firestopping/Above Ceiling

- Rated Barriers/Above Ceiling does not have an identified inspection and testing requirement, as such, have a survey ready expectation to be continually maintained as per code requirements.

Including:

- No Wires are resting on sprinkler lines
- Junction Box covers are all securely in place

Life Safety Prints/Plans

- Life Safety Prints do not have an identified inspection and testing requirement, as such, have a survey ready expectation to be accurate, and continually updated/maintained.



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EP	Document/Requirement	Frequency	Deferment Recommendation, SOE = State of Emergency
EC.02.05.05	Fire Protection and Suppression Testing and Inspection		
EP 1	Supervisory Signals-including: (see complete code set for additional detail)	Quarterly	If tested in the previous 30 days prior to SOE, next test required within 60 days of lifting SOE.
EP 2	Water flow devices	Semi-Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 2	Tamper switches	Semi-Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 3	Duct, heat, smoke detectors, and manual fire alarm boxes	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 4	Notification devices (audible & visual), and door-releasing devices	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 5	Emergency services notification transmission equipment	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 6	Electric motor-driven fire pumps tested under no-flow conditions	Monthly	No deferment because the risk level\testing requirement is critical to patient safety
EP 6	Diesel-engine-driven fire pumps tested under no-flow conditions	Weekly	No deferment because the risk level\testing requirement is critical to patient safety
EP 7	Water storage tank high and low level alarms	Semi-Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 8	Water storage tank low water temp alarms (cold weather only)	Monthly	No defer if done with inhouse staff, if outsourced, defer 60 days after lifting SOE
EP 9	Sprinkler systems main drain tests on all risers	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 10	Fire department connections inspected (Fire hose connections N/A)	Quarterly	If tested in the previous 30 days prior to SOE, next test required within 60 days of lifting SOE
EP 11	Fire pump(s) tested – under flow	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 12	Standpipe flow test every 5 years	5 year	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 13	Kitchen suppression semi-annual testing	Semi-Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 14	Gaseous extinguishing systems inspected (no discharge req.)	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 15	Portable fire extinguishers inspected monthly	Monthly	No defer if done with inhouse staff, if outsourced, defer 60 days after lifting SOE
EP 16	Portable fire extinguishers maintained annually	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 17	Fire hoses hydro tested 5 years after install; every 3 years thereafter	5/3 Year	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 18	Smoke and fire dampers tested to verify full closure	1/6 Year	
EP 19	Smoke detection shutdown devices for HVAC tested	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 20	All horizontal and vertical roller and slider doors tested	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 25	Inspection and testing of door assemblies by qualified person. Does not include nonrated doors, including corridor doors to patient care rooms and smoke barrier doors.	Annual	If test was due during SOE, add 60-day grace period after lifting SOE.
EP 27	Elevators with firefighters' emergency operations	Monthly	No defer if done with inhouse staff, if outsourced, defer 60 days after lifting SOE

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