

Pskowski, Samantha L (SBOH)

From: Greg Goldberg <greg.goldberg.1984@gmail.com>
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To: Pskowski, Samantha L (SBOH)
Subject: Re: Amazon's response regarding possible workplace hazards

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Thank you so much for considering my petition and sorry for the belated response Miss/Mrs Pskowski (Not sure what prefix to use sorry),

I really want to attend the meeting and voice my concerns however I am 19 hours ahead of you and have become sick from the infection contracted from sick animals at work but do want to try prevent this from occurring to individuals in the future.

If I do not manage to stay awake and my health issues prevent me from attending, the sort of stuff I would want to discuss is as follows.

The policies in place at the time enabled my coworkers to bring sick animals into the office, as can be noted by their policies at the time:

<https://www.seattledogspot.com/amazon-dog-friendly-seattles-dog-friendliest-company/>

I had always believed that a dog's mouth was cleaner than a humans because they have incompatible bacteria, I have learnt the hard way that this is not true. This was an urban legend when I was growing up in the 90s:

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/dog-and-human-mouths/>

There are no policies enforced that enabled me to have a pathogen free environment as we were required to clean our own workspaces, they had no education in the risks of this so I did not know that even if the area looked clean that the dogs bacteria could have made me sick. I also believe if I had known to tell my doctor that I was in contact with a sick animal, or even to let them know that I work in a communal area with animals.

In addition to this I did not know the possible pathogens I could have contracted from the dog, so I could not have known that this was a life-stock pathogen (As my co-worker had a farm which he took his dog to) and caused a delay in reporting this to Labor and Industries as it took quite a while to source the infection (I had to contact scientists, The American Society of Clinical Laboratory Sciences and get several medical specialists and physicians to review my clinical history etc.).

As my doctors did not know that I was exposed to this sort of environment, they had misdiagnosed me with an assumed viral infection after performing a Rapid Strep A test upon me and I believe this caused delay in the diagnosis and treatment of this condition which has caused it to become both long term and severe (Causing me to stop breathing at times and long term pneumonia).

If there is any way we can prevent this from occurring to people exposed to these sorts of work conditions in the future, it would put my mind at ease and in the event that I do finally regain my health I will feel safer gaining employment at companies with similar work environments such as Google, Facebook, Microsoft etc. as they are aware of my health status and want me to interview for positions if the doctors manage to treat this successfully.

Kind regards
Greg Goldberg

On Thu, Nov 26, 2020 at 5:32 AM Pskowski, Samantha L (SBOH) <samantha.pskowski@sboh.wa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Goldberg,

The Board received your petition for rulemaking on Saturday, November 21, 2020. The Board will consider the petition at its January 13th meeting, held virtually in response to the Covid-19 public health emergency. Information on registering for the upcoming meeting and the agenda will be posted to the Board's [website](#) in advance of the meeting. The Board does not take testimony on petitions, however you may speak to the issue during the public comment period.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Dear Washington State Board of Health,