

OSHA Issues Emergency Temporary Standard

COVID-19 Healthcare

On June 10, 2021, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced it will issue an emergency temporary standard (ETS) to protect healthcare workers from contracting the coronavirus in their workplace (e.g., employees in hospitals, emergency responders, employees in ambulatory care facilities, home health workers, etc.). The ETS is effective upon publication in the Federal Register. Employers must comply with all requirements within 14 days, except for those in paragraphs (i), (k), and (n). Employers comply with these three requirements within 30 days of the effective date of the standard. While OSHA may use enforcement discretion, the [National Emphasis Program – Coronavirus Disease 19 \(COVID-19\)](#) remains in effect to protect employees in high-hazard industries.

The full text of the ETS is available at: <https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-healthcare-ets-reg-text.pdf>. OSHA has other resources related to the Rule and implementing the ETS on the [COVID-19 Healthcare ETS webpage](#).



Image retrieved from OSHA ETS Website: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets>

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smcx.org/>.