

# OSHA Issues COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard for Healthcare Employers

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On June 10, 2021, OSHA issued its COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard ([ETS](#)) tailored to workplaces where employees provide healthcare services or healthcare support services, with certain exceptions. To determine whether a workplace is covered by the standard, employers may use this [flowchart](#) published by OSHA in conjunction with the ETS. Importantly, in well-defined areas in the workplace where there is no reasonable expectation that any person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 would be present, fully vaccinated employees are exempted from facemasks, physical distancing, and solid barriers requirements under the ETS.

The ETS will become effective upon publication in the Federal Register, which is yet to occur as of the date of this alert. Employers are required to comply with the ETS within 14 days of the effective date but will have 30 days from the effective date to comply with the physical barriers, ventilation, and training requirements under the ETS.

Read the full alert [here](#).