

OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)

OSHA has released the COVID-19 ETS. The ETS was published November 5, 2021. The US Court of Appeal 5th Circuit placed a stay on the ETS on November, 16, 2021. **On Friday December 17, 2021 the US Court of Appeal 6th district removed the stay. At this time the OSHA ETS is now once again in place with new implementation dates.** The Supreme Court has yet to review this court decision. If the ETS is not overruled by the Supreme Court, the following is required:

To comply employers must:

- **January 10, 2022**-Implement all requirements except testing for employees who have not completed their entire COVID-19 vaccination dose(s)
- **February 9, 2022**-Test all employees who have not received all doses of their COVID-19 vaccination

The OSHA COVID-19 ETS details are as follows and must be completed by **January 10, 2022**:

- Companies with 100+ employees corporate-wide must comply
- Employers are required to enforce:
 - A mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy **or**
 - A policy allowing employees who are not fully vaccinated to undergo weekly COVID-19 testing **and** wear a face covering at work.
- Employers are required to:
 - Determine the vaccination status of each employee
 - Obtain acceptable proof of vaccination
 - Maintain a current roster/record of each employee's vaccination status
- Employers must support employee vaccination by providing
 - Up to 4 hours of time off for each vaccination dose
 - Reasonable paid sick leave for recovery from side-effects of the vaccine
- Employers must provide information to employees in an appropriate language and literacy level regarding:
 - The requirements of the ETS
 - Have each employee read the CDC document "[Key things to know about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)"
 - Information about protection against retaliation and discrimination
 - Information about laws leading to criminal penalty for knowingly providing false statements or documents regarding their vaccination status and weekly testing

Sanford OccMed offers a Surveillance Testing Program to assist companies in navigating through the requirements of the OSHA ETS.

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