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# Loss Control Updates

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## IMPORTANT

### **OSHA COVID-19 Update Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 OSHA issued the

[COVID-19 Healthcare EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STANDARD \(ETS\)](#) .

The ETS focuses on healthcare workers in healthcare settings who may reasonably be expected to have contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The ETS requirements apply to those covered healthcare employers whose employees fall under the ETS parameters set.

Click ([Here](#)) to determine if you are an employer covered under the ETS.

The following are some of the important highlights of the ETS

**Effective Date:** The ETS goes into effect immediately (6/10/2021). However employers have 14 days to comply with most provisions and 30 days to comply with physical barrier, ventilation, and training.

**COVID 19 Plan:** Healthcare industry employers must conduct a hazard assessment and develop and implement a written COVID-19 Plan for each workplace if there are 10 or more employees.

**COVID-19 Safety Coordinator:** Healthcare industry employers must designate one or more workplace COVID-19 safety coordinators to implement and monitor the COVID-19 plan. They must be knowledgeable in infection control principles and practices as they apply to the workplace and employee job operations.

**[Mini Respiratory Protection Program](#):** Healthcare industry employers must have a “Mini Respiratory Protection Program” (29 CFR 1910.504) for those circumstances under the ETS where employees are not exposed to COVID-19 but where respirator use could offer enhanced worker protection. It does not replace the normal Respiratory Protection standard (29 CFR 1910.134)

**[COVID-19 Log](#):** Healthcare industry employers must establish and maintain a COVID-19 log to record each instance identified by the employer in which an employee is COVID-19 positive, regardless of whether the instance is connected to exposure to COVID-19 at work. It must be maintained and updated while the ETS remains in effect. See example: OSHA provides a sample log on page 3 of the hyperlink in the header of this paragraph.

**[Reporting COVID-19 Fatalities and In-Patient Hospitalizations to OSHA \(change\)](#):** Healthcare industry employers MUST report all COVID-19 related fatalities or inpatient hospitalizations **that occur AT ANY TIME after a work related exposure incident.**

Read the full Regulatory Text here: [Subpart U – COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard](#)

If you have questions regarding this article please contact the ICT/IRMS Loss Control Specialists, Mike Benedeck at 630-276-5646 or Deidre Harris at 630-276-5414 and we will be glad to assist you.