

# Symposium: Important Reasons to Attend

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**There are six important reasons to attend this year's ICT/IRMS Occupational Safety & Worker's Compensation Symposium** on TH afternoon 5/5/2022 and FRI morning 5/6/2022 at the Crowne Plaza Springfield Conference Center. The distinguished subject matter experts will be able to respond to the issues referenced below as well as provide other important Worker's Compensation and Occupational Safety/OSHA related information.

The Symposium is free to ICT Members and IRMS Clients: [Register Here](#)

[TH 5/5/2022 Agenda](#)

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## **Reasons to Attend**

### **1. OSHA Focused Inspections in Healthcare**

OSHA issued a memorandum on March 2, 2022 regarding a [COVID-19 Focused Inspection Initiative in Healthcare](#) that targets high-hazard healthcare facilities over a three-month period (March 9, 2022 to June 9, 2022) to encourage employers in these industry sectors to take the necessary steps to protect their workers against the hazards of COVID-19.

### **2. OSHA Final COVID-19 ETS Standard**

[OSHA Announced](#) it is intending to put into effect a final standard concerning Occupational Exposure to COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings. See [Federal Register](#) for more details.

### **3. OSHA Recordkeeping Rule Amendment Proposal**

OSHA published a proposed rule that it is intending to [amend its occupational injury and illness recordkeeping regulation](#) to require certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness information to OSHA that employers are already required to keep under the recordkeeping regulation. This would include information from their OSHA Forms 300, 301 and 300A once a year. See [Federal Register](#) for more details

### **4. OSHA – National Emphasis Program regarding COVID-19 in Healthcare**

[OSHA National Emphasis Program \(NEP\) regarding COVID-19 in Healthcare](#) that went into effect in July 2021 is still in effect for one year with a focus on programmed inspections to employers in the healthcare sector.

### **5. Workplace Violence - New Joint Commission Accreditation Standards**

New [Joint Commission Employee Workplace Violence Accreditation Standards](#) apply to all Joint Commission-accredited hospitals and critical access hospitals as of 1/1/2022.

### **6. Post-COVID Conditions**

The CDC published a document entitled ["Guidance on "Long COVID" as a Disability Under the ADA.](#) What do employers need to know to assist ICT/IRMS in determining whether an employee who contracted COVID-19 at work should continue to receive worker's compensation benefits if the employee claims that the ongoing condition(s) and/or symptom(s) are related to this exposure?

If you have questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact Mike Benedeck at 630-276-5646 or Deidre Harris at 630-276-5414 and we will be glad to assist you.