

# Charlotte Attorney Interviewed About OSHA's Proposed Final Rule to Protect Health Care Workers from COVID-19

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In a recent *SHRM* article, Nick Hulse was asked about a March 22 announcement from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) that reopened the comment period on its proposed final rule to protect health care workers from COVID-19. The move signaled that the department is considering relaxing some of the standards from what it initially recommended.

OSHA also is considering whether COVID-19-specific infection control measures are needed in areas where health care employees do not encounter people with COVID-19.

"It appears that employers are going to have more flexibility to implement the requirements of the permanent standard than they did with the ETS," Nick said. "This flexibility will be good news for employers, as every employer's situation is different, and the flexibility will allow them to determine the most effective manner to comply."

Read the full article in <u>SHRM</u> (subscription required).

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