



Workplace Safety Attorney Discusses OSHA's Updated COVID Rules with Healthcare Risk Management

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In an interview with *Healthcare Risk Management*, **Nicholas Hulse** offers insight into OSHA's COVID-related standards in healthcare settings. OSHA is reopening the rulemaking record to allow for new data and comments on the Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS).

Nicholas explains that the announcement indicates OSHA is at least willing to listen to those who will be responsible for implementing and complying with any permanent standard it may ultimately issue.

"It is not really surprising, given the CMS vaccine mandate, but the announcement does make clear that OSHA is not considering requiring mandatory vaccinations for healthcare employees," Nicholas says. "However, as with the ETS, it appears that there will be certain requirements that take into account whether employees are vaccinated. It appears that OSHA is considering requiring employees be 'up to date' on COVID-19 vaccinations, instead of 'fully vaccinated,' to be exempt from those requirements."

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