

# OSHA under Deadline for a Nationwide COVID-19 Workplace Safety Rule: Four States' Existing Laws and New Federal Guidance and Orders Foretell the Future

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On his first full day in office, President Biden issued an Executive Order on *Protecting Worker Health and Safety*, which required OSHA to “consider whether any emergency temporary standards on COVID-19, including with respect to masks in the workplace, are necessary,” and if so, to issue such emergency temporary standards (ETS) by March 15, 2021. Executive Order 13999, § 2(b) (Jan. 21, 2021), 86 FR 7211 (Jan. 26, 2021). An ETS, which skips the initial notice and comment process before it is in effect, can be issued pursuant to Section 6(c) of the OSH Act if OSHA determines that employees are exposed to “grave danger” and that an emergency standard is necessary to protect them from the grave danger. 29 U.S.C. § 655(c).

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