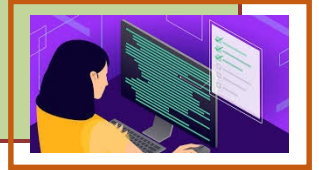




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New OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)

OSHA has issued a new safety standard, COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), specifically for settings where employees provide health care services. Tennessee OSHA (TOSHA) will be adopting a version of the ETS for health care settings in August that will apply in this state. This new standard is intended to provide rules that are longer-term for COVID workplace safety.



The TOSHA ETS will apply to VUMC's clinical areas. As some requirements of the ETS are implemented in the coming months, you may notice a change in some current practices in clinical areas. These changes include requirements for wearing N95 respirators, a required training module, continued screening practices, expanded contact tracing, and possible home quarantine for contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

MyVUMC article on OSHA ETS: <https://myvumc.app.vumc.org/myvumc/index.html?article=26560>

OSHA ETS site: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets>

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