



Safety Alert

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Supreme Court Rules on COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

On January 13, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the stay against the OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) requiring large employers to ensure their employees are vaccinated for COVID or submit to weekly testing. In a 6-3 vote, the Court held that OSHA did not have authority from Congress to issue such a broad public health mandate.

Although the cases now go back to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for consideration of the merits, this decision effectively kills the OSHA mandate because the Court ruled that OSHA does not have authority to impose its ETS.

Here is a link to the opinion:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/21a244_hgci.pdf