

U.S. Department of Labor

Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20210



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Dear Tribal Leader,

This letter serves as an invitation to meet virtually with the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to discuss the partial reopening of the comment period to allow for additional public comment on specific topics outlined in the interim final rule establishing an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for healthcare settings, "Occupational Exposure to COVID-19." The meeting for Tribal leaders is scheduled for **May 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Please use this [link](#) to register for this meeting.

We appreciate your participation in previous meetings held in November 2021 and January 2022 to discuss the COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS. This rulemaking is separate from the Vaccination and Testing standard addressed by the Supreme Court earlier this spring. This rulemaking arises out of OSHA's separate ETS published June 21, 2021 and could result in a permanent COVID standard limited to healthcare employers. We would appreciate your input on the applicability and implications of such a standard, particularly, any potential impact on healthcare facilities owned and operated by Tribes.

During this meeting, OSHA representatives will discuss the process for this rulemaking and submitting additional comments on topics identified in the *Federal Register* at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/03/23/2022-06080/occupational-exposure-to-covid-19-in-healthcare-settings>. Please note, this meeting is not open to the public and is separate from the public process for notice and comment. The Department of Labor policy requires that OSHA prepare a brief summary of this meeting and place it in the rulemaking docket.

If you have question about the Department's Tribal consultation or this meeting, please contact me directly at Jackson.Jack.C@dol.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jack Jackson
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