

OSHA New Rule: ETS= Emergency Temporary Standards

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Where do we find this rule?

Urvi Patel's Response: <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets>

Can you share the definitions?

all definitions are available in the ETS here - <https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-healthcare-ets-reg-text.pdf>

Question: What is the time frame for someone to be considered "in close contact" with a COVID positive person? Our health departments definition of this is within the past 48 hours. Does OSHA have a specific timeframe laid out?

Urvi Patel's Response: Close contact means being within 6 feet of any other person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during that person's potential period of transmission. The potential transmission period runs from 2 days before the person felt sick (or, for asymptomatic people, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the person is isolated.

How do I report to OSHA?

Reporting to OSHA <https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA4129.pdf>

Flowchart OSHA has provided to determine if a workplace is covered under the ETS
<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA4125.pdf>