OSHA's NEW Enforcement Plan re: COVID-19

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OSHA has released an interim enforcement plan explaining how it will prioritize and conduct COVID-related inspections. Given the high volume of COVID-related reports and complaints, OSHA intends to conduct onsite inspections for COVID-related fatalities that occur at "high risk" jobs only, such as first responders and those working in health care facilities, nursing homes, hospices, laboratories, and morgues. For virtually all other COVID-related illnesses and reports, including those working medium risk jobs (interact with the public) and low risk jobs (no interaction with the public), OSHA intends to allow those employers to submit their investigation findings via OSHA's self-reporting tool.

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