

COVID-19 Likely Responsible for Hike in OSHA “Fatality/Catastrophe” Investigations at Healthcare Facilities

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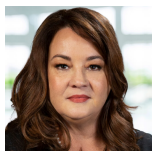
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The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides [data](#) related to OSHA inspections opened by either the federal agency or the state agencies, depending on jurisdiction. This information is helpful to understand trends and OSHA inspection activities. As previously noted in our April 19, 2020, [article](#), we discerned a trend as healthcare facilities were found to be subject to inspections at a disproportionate rate when compared to establishments in other industries.

It should be noted that overall, the number of OSHA inspections in all industry categories across the country has declined, as it appears that many inspectors are only venturing out to investigate accidents or fatalities.

Ogletree Deakins will continue to monitor and report on developments with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and will post updates in the firm’s [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Center](#) as additional information becomes available. Critical information for employers is also available via the firm’s [webinar programs](#).

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