



Federal Appeals Court Reaffirms Stay on Biden's Vaccine Mandate

Description

USA: A three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit reaffirmed its stay on President Joe Biden's workplace vaccine mandate on Friday.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a rule that would require businesses with at least 100 employees to mandate coronavirus vaccinations or implement frequent testing.

Friday's decision comes after the Fifth Circuit issued a [stay](#) on the OSHA rule last Saturday.

On Monday, the U.S. Justice Department requested the appeals court lift the stay, arguing it would "likely cost dozens or even hundreds of lives per day."

In its decision, the court ordered OSHA to "take no steps to implement or enforce the Mandate until further court order."

At least 26 states initiated legal challenges against the mandate. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton celebrated the court's decision online.

Paxton [tweeted](#):

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— Texas Attorney General (@TXAG) [November 12, 2021](#)

The circuit court panel further wrote:

The Mandate is a one-size-fits-all sledgehammer that makes hardly any attempt to account for differences in workplaces (and workers) that have more than a little bearing on workers' varying degrees of susceptibility to the supposedly 'grave danger' the Mandate purports to address.

The case is BST Holdings v. OSHA, No. 21-60845 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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