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ASPPH Statement on Supreme Court Decision to Block OSHA-COVID 19 Vaccination Requirements

January 14, 2022 – The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) is disappointed with the Supreme Court’s decision to block the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) COVID-19 vaccination and testing mandates.

The OSHA emergency standard was an important safeguard to help reverse the damage the COVID-19 pandemic has already had on communities across the country due to the lack of precautions enforced in breeding grounds for transmission, particularly the workplace. At a time when COVID-19 infections are again surging in the U.S., this decision will only hinder progress that has been made in fighting the pandemic thus far. We can no longer afford poor decisions that lead to potentially more COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths.

We are extremely disappointed that the Supreme Court chose to overlook what science has proven time and time again, which is the critical role of vaccines and testing in preventing illnesses. Therefore, we call on employers to take the lead on setting their own vaccination requirement policies rooted in scientific evidence.

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