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The Opinions handed down on the **7th day of January**, **2022** are as follows:

BY Weimer, C.J.:

2021-CD-01453 THERESA NELSON, ET AL. VS. OCHSNER LAFAYETTE GENERAL

(Parish of Lafayette)

Affirmed.

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VS.

OCHSNER LAFAYETTE GENERAL

On Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, Parish of Lafayette

WEIMER, C.J.

This matter arises from a suit challenging a COVID-19 vaccine mandate, which allows medical and religious exceptions, implemented by a private employer-healthcare provider. The issue presented is whether the employees of the private healthcare provider stated a cause of action for constitutional and statutory violations entitling the employees to injunctive and declaratory relief.

For the reasons assigned in **Hayes v. University Health Shreveport, LLC**, 21-1601 (La. 1/7/22), __ So.3d __, the trial court's judgment sustaining the employer's exception of no cause of action, dismissing the employees' suit with prejudice since "the grounds of the objection raised through its exception cannot be removed by amendment," and denying the employees' request for preliminary injunction (as moot) is affirmed.

AFFIRMED.