



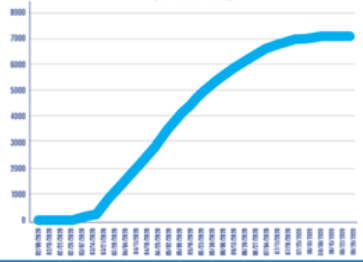
OSHA Region VIII Compliance Assistance Newsletter

Fall 2020



Protecting the American Workforce

COVID-19 CLOSED CASES
(TOTAL TO DATE)



COVID-19 Data

A [summary](#) of OSHA COVID-19 response data is now available. Review statistics on outreach and enforcement including complaint investigations and inspections.



September is National Preparedness Month ([Learn More](#))

**Disasters Don't Wait.
Make Your Plan Today.**

Free NIOSH Training



Marijuana and Driving
How to Keep Your Fleet Safe

September 16, 1-2:30 p.m. (EDT): Marijuana and Driving, How to Keep Your Fleet Safe: The NIOSH Center for Motor Vehicle Safety invites health and safety professionals to learn more about this topic. Speakers John Howard, MD, NIOSH Director, and Natalie Hartenbaum, MD, President and Chief Medical Officer of OccuMedix, Inc. [Register](#) for free.

FREE TRAINING RESOURCES AND EVENTS

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State of Montana's SafetyFest To Offer Many Free Virtual Courses in November



[SafetyFestMT](#) is a collaborative effort between the Montana Department of Labor & Industry and businesses/entities across the state who donate their time to present various topics. This collaboration allows SafetyFestMT to provide **FREE** quality training to employers and their workers throughout Montana. Just as the needs of each community in Montana are diverse and unique, so is each SafetyFest. Each event provides classes that focus on the specific needs of the region along with a core curriculum of classes such as OSHA 10 and 30 Hour, First Aid/CPR, and Hazwoper. **You do not have to work in Montana to register for these free classes.** The Bozeman Safety Fest will be virtual and is scheduled for November 16-20. On-location SafetyFests will resume in 2021. For future dates or more information on the program, please visit: <http://safetyfestmt.dli.mt.gov/>



Free Trench Training from the Rocky Mountain Education Center

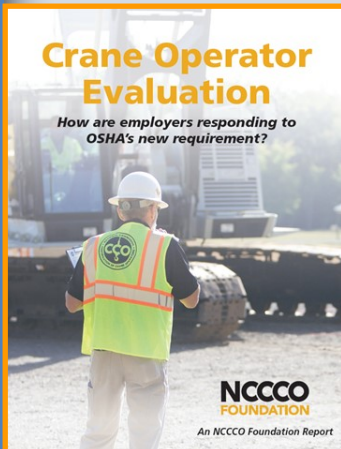
Digging Deeper into Construction Trenching and Excavation Hazards (Virtual Course)

This course is instructor led with 7.5 hours of teaching content via the Susan Harwood Grant program. Participants with responsibilities for the safe work of others around trenches and excavations who are employed by construction companies with less than 250 employees may be eligible to become trainers and receive all curricula content with a commitment of training at least 10 workers using the materials before the grant end date. All participants receive the Red Rocks Community College's **Digging Deeper** student manual; a 95-page document that has been approved for use in this program by US DOL OSHA. The manual illustrates safe industry practices aligned to the US DOL OSHA standards for working in and around trenches and excavations. Two dates are scheduled for September. [Register here.](#)



Respiratory Protection: OSHA Region VI Training Institute Education Centers are offering a free video on respiratory protection. The video provides guidance on the proper implementation of a respiratory protection program and its relationship to the current COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and to register to receive the video link, please click [here](#).

OSHA Region VIII and National Special Government Employee of the Year for 2019



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators has issued the results of a survey on how employers are handling the updated OSHA standard requiring operator training, certification and evaluation under 29 CFR 1926.1427. Read the results of the survey [here](#).



Voluntary Protection Programs

The OSHA Region VIII [Voluntary Protection Program](#) (VPP) relies heavily on our partners in the [Special Government Employee](#) (SGE) system to conduct VPP evaluations, assess annual reports, critique applications, provide outreach, and to conduct mentoring activities throughout the region. OSHA counts on the tremendous contributions of SGEs to help us keep VPP going strong. Each year OSHA recognizes a regional SGE whose work and support was truly exceptional. These awards are based on the previous calendar year, and are normally presented during the regional VPPPA conference. The conference was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, but OSHA would like to recognize and announce the OSHA Region VIII SGE of the Year for 2019 – Ms. Kathy Spanjer, CSP, from Schneider Electric.



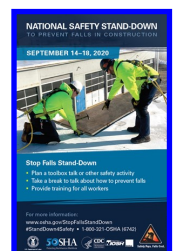
In 2019, Ms. Spanjer participated in six (6) VPP evaluations. In addition, she coordinated a VPP outreach and best practice sharing, presented a session on mentoring at the VPPPA conference, mentored six sites, evaluated five VPP annual reports, hosted a group of college students at her plant to teach them about safety/health and VPP, and presented an ergonomics training program to a group of manufacturers. Ms. Spanjer is an outstanding SGE whose work is always of the very highest quality. Everyone at OSHA is grateful for Ms. Spanjer's efforts to support employee safety and health excellence, the OSHA VPP, and the SGE program. As the recipient of the Region VIII SGE of the Year award, Ms. Spanjer was entered as a finalist for the OSHA National SGE of the Year. During the national meeting of the membership of the Voluntary Protection Program Participant's Association (VPPPA) in August, she was awarded the National SGE of the Year! We congratulate her on this hard-earned and well-deserved recognition. OSHA thanks Ms. Spanjer and all of the SGEs for their contributions to the OSHA VPP.

[National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) (September 14-18, 2020): The National Safety Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries. Stand-down events provide employers and workers with a chance to talk about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety and health programs, goals, and expectations. Events occurring this week include:

- **Sept 14, 1:00 EST** Official Stand-Down Kickoff with OSHA, NIOSH and CPWR ([register](#))
- **Sept 14, 3:00 EST** AGC Stand-Down Webinar ([register](#))
- **Sept 15, 2:00 EST** NECA Stand-Down Webinar ([register](#))
- **Sept 17, 2:30 EST** NIOSH Webinar—Investigating Fall Fatalities: Prevention Efforts ([register](#))
- **Sept 18, 12:00 EST** NIOSH Webinar—Investigating Fall Fatalities: Lessons Learned and Tools ([register](#))
- **Available Now** CPWR Podcast—7th Annual Safety Stand-Down Event ([click here](#))

National Roofing Contractors Webinar Series:

- **Sept. 15, Noon – 12:30 CST** Ladder use, guardrails, and warning lines ([register](#))
- **Sept. 16, Noon – 12:30 CST** Personal Fall Arrest Systems (PFAS) ([register](#))
- **Sept. 17, Noon – 12:30 CST** Rescue Techniques and Suspension Trauma ([register](#))



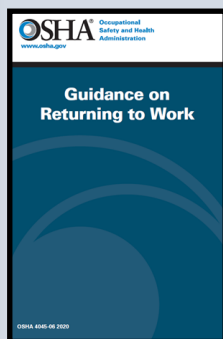


Oil and Gas Webinar

The Petroleum Equipment and Services Association (PESA) will host a webinar featuring presenters from NIOSH entitled “[Protecting the Oil & Gas Workforce During COVID-19](#)” on September 15, 2020 from 2:00-3:00PM Central.

Registration is open to both members and non-members to attend. More information and the link to register can be found on the webinar [page](#).

General COVID-19 Guidance and Resources from OSHA



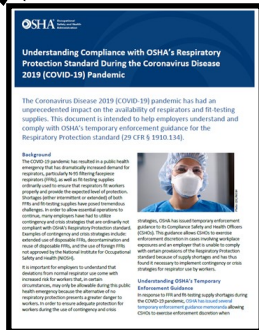
Call John Olachea (720-264-6586) or send an e-mail to olachea.john@dol.gov to subscribe or to submit, comments, questions or suggestions about the newsletter.

NEWEST CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES FROM OSHA

Respiratory Protection Compliance Guidance

Aug 28

The Coronavirus pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the availability of respirators and fit-testing supplies. This document is intended to help employers understand and comply with OSHA's temporary enforcement guidance for the Respiratory Protection standard (29 CFR § 1910.134).



Aug 18

OSHA Issues COVID-19 Guidance for Food Truck Workers



Nail Salon Workers

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COVID-19 Guidance for Hair and Nail Salon Workers

OSHA is committed to protecting the health and safety of America's workers and workplaces during these unprecedented times. The agency will be issuing a series of industry-specific alerts designed to keep workers safe.

If you operate or work at a hair or nail salon, the following tips can help reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus:

- Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick.
- Require workers to wear protective equipment.
- Request customers wear face coverings during service.
- Encourage physical distancing while awaiting services, and instruct customers to wait outside or in their car until their appointment.
- Wash and dry customers' hair before performing any work and require nail clients to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before proceeding.
- Use pre-pay systems or self-checkout procedures and provide hand sanitizer at the point of purchase.
- Emphasize washing hands with soap and water to both workers and customers.
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces, tools and equipment.
- Encourage workers from sharing tools.
- Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

For more information, visit www.osha.gov/coronavirus or call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742).



OTHER NEW CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

New CDC Website on How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask

Masks help stop the spread of COVID-19 to others. Visit the [new CDC web page](#) to learn how to select, wear, and clean your mask. Wear masks in public settings around people who don't live in your household and when you can't stay 6 feet away from others. Making a decision about selecting a mask can be confusing. This new web site provides tips on how to choose your masks.

DO choose masks that

- Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

DO NOT choose masks that

- Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
- Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape
- Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

Strategies for Limiting Workplace Violence

CDC has published [Limiting Workplace Violence Associated with COVID-19 Prevention Policies in Retail and Services Businesses](#). Intended for employers and employees in retail, services, and other customer-based businesses, this resource offers strategies to limit violence towards workers that may occur when businesses put in place policies and practices to minimize the spread of COVID-