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April Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings,

We live today in a very interesting time. There is still much uncertainty regarding COVID-19. New information is released every day. Everyone across the world is feeling the impact. It is best to listen to credible sources; practice healthy hygiene, eating and exercise habits; focus on what **you can control**; and take care of yourself. Staying healthy will ensure that you are available to help and support your employees, your families and your communities.

On March 25th, ASSP hosted a webinar that discussed how uncertainty created by a pandemic like COVID-19 can cause business interruption, overload the healthcare system, create supply shortages, and increase the psychological stress. A tool was shared that contains a sample structured what-if risk assessment, risk matrix, layers of control analysis and bow tie risk analysis for COVID-19. I encourage everyone to watch the recording here: [COVID-19 and Risk Assessment](#).

Personally, I look for the positives in any situation. It's important to grow from challenging or unknown situations. Many of us are working from home. My daily 90 minute commute is now about 9 seconds from the bedroom to my temporary kitchen table work set up. I'm enjoying more time with my wife and three children. We have started new routines and are growing closer together in these times. Hopefully, it won't be much longer until we get back

to our daily jobs and responsibility for protecting human life.

Take care and stay healthy,

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CHAPTER NEWS

[ASSP Responds to COVID-19 Developments](#)

As the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic evolves, health authorities at the local, state and federal levels are working assertively to “flatten the curve” — in other words slow down the community spread of the disease. While more citizens will get the virus, these safeguards are designed to prevent large spikes in new cases that could overwhelm our healthcare system. That is why we have seen major sports leagues suspend play, schools cancel classes, companies postpone events and other social-distancing measures that keep crowds from gathering in enclosed spaces.

ASSP has joined this effort. We have stood for safety for more than 100 years and take our responsibilities seriously during this unprecedented time.

[ASSP - COVID-19 Focused Webinars](#)

Explore ASSP's Online COVID-19 Resources

ASSP provides free online resources to help OSH professionals navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Turn to Your ASSP Community for Answers

Access the ASSP Community where you can join focused discussions such as the special COVID-19 group.

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Take Advantage of ASSP's Virtual Events

We have shifted our in-person education events to virtual offerings through May 15.

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NSC: COVID-19: Continuing Coverage



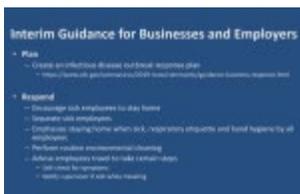
[COVID-19 pandemic: Trump signs emergency paid sick leave bill into law](#)

Washington — Employers with fewer than 500 employees, as well as all government employers, must provide 80 hours of emergency paid sick leave to full-time workers who are in quarantine as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, seeking diagnosis or preventive care for the illness, or caring for affected family members, under legislation signed into law March 18 by President Donald Trump. [Read more](#)



[COVID-19 pandemic: OSHA issues temporary enforcement guidance for respirators in health care](#)

Washington — In an effort to preserve the supply of N95 filtering facepiece respirators during the COVID-19 pandemic, OSHA has temporarily suspended its requirement for annual respirator fit testing in the health care industry. [Read more](#)



[COVID-19 pandemic: 'Not too late' to begin response planning, NIOSH director says](#)

Washington — Employers looking for ways to protect their workers from exposure to the COVID-19 pandemic should adopt a team approach, according to NIOSH Director John Howard, who says that “it’s not too late” to develop a plan. [Read more](#)



[EPA adds more products to list of disinfectants that can help curb spread of coronavirus](#)

Washington — The Environmental Protection Agency has added nearly 200 registered disinfectants to an online list of cleaning products that can help prevent and reduce the spread of the coronavirus, and has made the list sortable, searchable and printable. [Read more](#)



['Stop the Spread': Emergency physicians release COVID-19 guide for the public](#)

Washington — How can you minimize your risk of contracting – and potentially spreading – COVID-19? Does wearing a facemask help? If you suspect you may have the potentially deadly respiratory illness, what steps should you take before visiting an emergency room? [Read more](#)



[COVID-19 pandemic: Tips to remain 'sane and safe' during social distancing](#)

Muncie, IN — Maintaining a routine, helping others and taking time to focus on self-care are among the tips one Ball State University professor is sharing to help people stay "sane and safe" while practicing social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

8th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing - Future Safety Leaders (August 7, 2020)



2020 Sponsors thus far:

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To purchase your tickets [CLICK HERE!](#)

**Emerging Safety Professionals will be hosting a webinar on
Friday April 17th at 11:00 am EST.
(Link will be updated within "Events" page of CIASSP Website)**

The goal of this webinar is to emphasize the importance of a well written resume and how to stand out during an interview. In today's competitive job market, an effective resume and interview skills can open up a variety of opportunities. I would like this webinar to address targeted strategies for resume writing and preparing for job interviews. This webinar will assist participants learn how to effectively highlight their knowledge, experiences, and abilities on their resume and during interviews and become better prepared for the interview approach employers are most likely to use today. At the end of the webinar, participants will be able to ask questions to the hosts regarding apply or interviewing for a new job or position.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for at least two safety professionals to participate in our October chapter meeting who have extensive experience and unique ideas for engaging employees in the safety process. If you have some unique non-traditional ways that you have engaged employees in safety, and you would be willing to be a panel member at our October 28 meeting (8-9:30am), please contact Kevin Beswick at kevinb@rms-safety.com. If you know of someone else who may be a good candidate for this opportunity, please feel free to pass this information along.

Update Your Contact Information!

Help us help you stay informed. Make sure your contact information is kept up to date by using this link <https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/My-Account>

Home Activity Resources:

1. 4-H.ORG
2. PBSkids.org
3. This site <https://apexbg.com/workplace-wellness-at-home/> is offering 3 online classes per week: Meditation Mondays, Wellness Wednesdays and Fitness Fridays.
4. The Wellness Council of Indiana <https://www.wellnessindiana.org/calendar/> is offering virtual Workforce Recovery Training. They offer SHRM and HRCI credits.

Virtual Event Overview

Every employer wants to support the health and well-being of their employees, especially those in crisis or in need of intervention. Data shows that the workplace is the most powerful and effective environment for directing individuals to assistance, and every business has a desire to retain and assist valuable talent.

Participants will receive:

- Strategies for intervention, assistance and retention
- Legal guidance for navigating regulations including: ADA, FMLA and Indiana's substance use treatment law
- Best practices for effective partnerships with regional treatment and recovery supports
- Real-life examples of success and empathy exercises
- Complimentary prescription disposal kits for your workplace (up to 600)
- Resources and links to evidence-based ongoing education and content

LOCAL NEWS

The state of Indiana NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE - COVID-19

Dear Workplace Health and Safety Professional:

The State of Indiana is calling on all workplace health and safety professionals and divisions to attend a conference call with the Indiana Department of Labor on **Friday, April 3** at any of the times listed below.

We need your assistance with locating and securing personal protective equipment (PPE) for our healthcare workers and emergency-services personnel. **You are some of the best connected professionals in the state to help us quickly locate this equipment and secure it to help protect healthcare workers, first responders and essential social services personnel on the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19.**

Please join us for this crucial conference call. The dial information and call-in times are provided below:

DIAL-IN INFORMATION*

Conference call line: 978.990.5000

Access code: 103 060

CALL SCHEDULE - April 3, 2020

Session #1 -- 9 a.m.

Session #2 -- 11 a.m.

Session #3 -- 2 p.m.

**Each session is limited to 1,000 participants.*

Indiana, like states all across the national at this time, is working to ensure that we have desperately-needed PPE for healthcare and emergency-services personnel in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Below is a list of the type of PPE needed, but is not limited to:

- Powered air-purifying respirators (PAPR)
- NIOSH-approved N95 filtering face pieces
- Face shields
- Protective eyewear (goggles, glasses, etc.)
- Surgical gowns
- Sanitary disposable gloves
- Surgical masks
- Hand sanitizer
- 3-ply to the surgical masks

We are also seeking contact information for additional PPE manufacturers/suppliers- and we can use your help in that regard as well.

PLEASE JOIN THE CONFERENCE CALL AND FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP.

We're all in this together. And together we can!

Thank you,

Rick J. Ruble
Commissioner of Labor

[COVID-19 in Indiana \(as of April 2020\)](#)

[IN State Dept. of Health Updates](#)

NATIONAL NEWS

[CDC.GOV - What's New? COVID-19](#)

Updated information pertaining to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Webinar: Once Upon A Time: Telling Better Stories To Improve Your Safety Communications](#)

A story can help you build relationships with

[OSHA: Worker Exposure Risk to COVID-19](#)

Occupational Risk Pyramid for COVID-19

family and friends. They can also help keep your employees safe. In this dynamic interview, Craig Sexton, Global Creative Director for DuPont Sustainable Solutions, will explain how you can use storytelling to help improve safety communications, engage employees, and lead to safer behaviors. You'll learn how to leverage the power of storytelling to transform your safety initiatives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Chapter Meeting:

Based on COVID-19 virus and out of an abundance of caution and care, we have cancelled the Central Indiana Chapter ASSP meeting that was scheduled for Friday April 17.

Topic: Student Study Results: Identifying & Assessing Risk Factors
Associated with Musculoskeletal Disorders

Location: Shallo's Restaurant

8811 Hardegan St., Indianapolis, Indiana, 46227

1.0 Contact Hour (0.10 COC/CEU) available.

[Register Here](#)

Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Group Meeting:

Following April Chapter Meeting

Based on COVID-19 virus and out of an abundance of caution and care, we have cancelled the Central Indiana Chapter ASSP meeting that was scheduled for Friday April 17.

Host: WISE Chair Anne Thom

Location: Shallo's Restaurant

8811 Hardegan St., Indianapolis, Indiana, 46227

1.0 Contact Hour (0.10 COC/CEU) available.

[Register Here](#)

May Chapter Meeting:

Our May meeting sponsor is On-Site Supply, visit their site at <https://shop.onsiteontime.com/>.



Friday 5/8/20 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Topic: Tour of the Marion County Jail and Courts Project

Speakers: Scott Lollar

Location: FA Wilhelm Conferene Room

4327 Prospect St. Indianapolis, IN

MEMBERS:

We would like to give companies and organizations an opportunity to sponsor some of our upcoming meetings. Please let us know if you are interested. By sponsoring a meeting, your company's logo will be included in all advertisements for the meeting and a company representative will be able to start the meeting with a brief overview and/or update of your company. There is no direct cost for the sponsorship itself, but sponsors must provide lunch for all attendees. If you are interested, please email our Programs Chairman (Kevin Beswick) at kevinb@rms-safety.com. Please note that sponsorships will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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For more information on all upcoming events visit
<https://centralindiana.assp.org/event/>.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

[Director of Safety Training \(Indianapolis\)](#)

Posted April 1, 2020

[Safety Technician \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

Posted April 1, 2020

[ASSP Career Center](#)

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