



Spring 2020



## WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

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### Joint statement commemorating Workers' Memorial Day from U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), Loren Sweatt

"Workers' Memorial Day is a day for us to join together in remembering those who have lost their lives while doing their jobs," U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia said. "As we memorialize workers who have lost their lives, we are mindful of the U.S. Department of Labor's important role in working with employers and workers to create a national culture of safety. We are dedicated to working diligently every day to keep American workers safe and healthy on the job."

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt added, "As we commemorate Workers' Memorial Day this year, millions of Americans are working around-the-clock to save lives and provide critical services for those in need throughout the country. OSHA remains committed to the goal that every worker should return home at the end of each workday, safe and unharmed."

### MESSAGE FROM THE COLORADO CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION:

In recognition of Workers Memorial Day, the Colorado Contractors Association would like to extend our gratitude to all of the workers that make our industry possible and to express our heartfelt sympathy to the workers who have been hurt and the families of those workers who have been fatally injured on construction projects.

Our industry recognizes how fortunate we are to be deemed essential and permitted to find a safe way to keep working as the world confronts Covid-19. As we strive to implement strategies to ensure healthy workplaces, CCA encourages both construction companies and construction workers to remain mindful of the other risks to worker safety on civil infrastructure projects, including risks from falls, risks from trench collapses, risks from underground facilities, and risks in work zones from the traveling public.

Finally, we would like to thank our Alliance partners with OSHA, our industry's Health & Safety Managers, our construction workers, and everyone else who supports and promote safe and healthy construction worksites.

-Troy Clark, MSC Safety Solutions and Chairman of CCA's Risk Management Committee

-Dean Burns, Tezak Heavy Equipment and Co-Chairman of CCA's Risk Management Committee

**FREE CRANE TRAINING:**

The AGC of Colorado has postponed their free crane management training scheduled for May 5th or 6th, 2020. The new dates will be October 29th or 30th, 2020. If you would like to register for those dates, please contact Cathy Bedel at 303-388-2422.



**ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS**

Wednesday  
May 5, 2020  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Or

Thursday  
May 6, 2020  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Crane Management FREE Training**

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from 2011 to 2015, the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) reported 220 total crane-related deaths, an average of 44 per year over this 5-year period with 42% of the fatal work injuries taking place in the private construction industry. The data also shows that specialty contractors and heavy and civil engineering construction accounted for the most fatalities involving cranes in private construction. AGC of America is pleased to offer this one-day training program based on OSHA standards and best practices to answer the need for quality training within the industry.

**Who Should Attend?**  
Company Officers  
Managers  
Project Managers  
Supervisors  
Foremen  
Both Union and Non-union Contractors

**What Will I Learn?**  
Types of cranes  
Crane hazards associated with assembly and disassembly  
Lifting concepts  
Rigging and wire rope  
Signaling  
Employee qualification and training  
Maintenance, repair, and inspection requirements

**Location:**  
AGC Training Center  
686 Mariposa St.  
Denver, CO 80204

**To Register:**  
visit [www.agccolorado.org](http://www.agccolorado.org) or call 303.388.2422

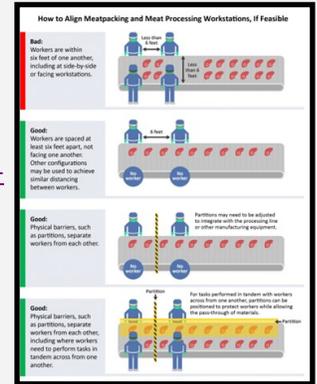
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**NEW CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION**

**MEAT PROCESSING INDUSTRY**

**GUIDANCE:** OSHA, in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), issued joint [Interim Guidance for Meat and Poultry Processing Workers and Employers](#). This document provides guidance for meat and poultry processing workers and employers—including those involved in beef, pork, and poultry operations.



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**OSHA National News Release**

**OSHA Enforcement in the Meat and Poultry Processing Industry:** On April 28, 2020, The U.S. Department of Labor [issued a statement](#) from Solicitor of Labor Kate O'Scannlain and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA Loren Sweatt regarding Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities.

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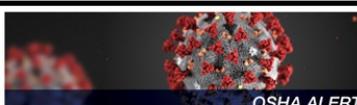
**OSHA Issues Enforcement Guidance on Decontamination of Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.**

This memorandum provides interim guidance to Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs) for enforcing the Respiratory Protection standard, 29 CFR § 1910.134, with regard to the reuse of filtering facepiece respirators (FFRs) that have been decontaminated through certain methods. The guidance describes decontamination methods for FFRs contaminated with pathogens, and is not intended to facilitate re-use of FFRs laden with other contaminants (e.g., FFRs overloaded with silica dust). It expands flexibilities outlined in OSHA's previous COVID-19 enforcement memorandum posted at [www.osha.gov/enforcementmemos](http://www.osha.gov/enforcementmemos). The memorandum takes effect immediately, will remain in effect until further notice, and is intended to be time-limited to the current public health crisis.



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**OSHA Issues New COVID -19 Guidance for the Construction Industry**



**OSHA ALERT**

**COVID-19 Guidance for the Construction Workforce**

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.

When working in the construction industry, the following tips can help reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus:

- Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick.
- Allow workers to wear masks over their nose and mouth to prevent them from spreading the virus.
- Continue to use other normal control measures, including personal protective equipment (PPE), necessary to protect workers from other job hazards associated with construction activities.
- Advise workers to avoid physical contact with others and direct employees/contractors/vendors to increase personal space to at least six feet, when possible. Where work trailers are used, all workers should maintain social distancing while inside the trailers.
- Train workers how to properly put on, use/wear, and take off protective clothing and equipment.
- Encourage respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes.
- Promote personal hygiene. If workers do not have immediate access to soap and water for handwashing, provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency-approved cleaning chemicals from List 1 or 2 that have label claims against the coronavirus.
- To the extent tools or equipment must be shared, provide and instruct workers to use alcohol-based wipes to clean tools before and after use. When cleaning tools and equipment, workers should consult manufacturer recommendations for proper cleaning techniques and restrictions.
- Keep in-person meetings (including toolbox talks and safety meetings) as short as possible, limit the number of workers in attendance, and use social distancing practices.
- Clean and disinfect portable toilets regularly. Hand sanitizer dispensers should be filled regularly. Frequently touched items (i.e., door pulls and toilet seats) should be disinfected.
- Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

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

OSHA urges alerts to draw attention to worker safety and health issues and solutions.

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