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## SAVE THE DATE



[Safe + Sound Week](#) is back for 2020. Check out the website for information on how to participate.



The National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction has been rescheduled for September 14-18, 2020. Stay tuned for more [details](#).

## OSHA RELEASES NEW SILICA DIRECTIVE

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently issued the compliance directive [Inspection Procedures for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standards](#), which is designed to ensure uniformity in inspection and enforcement procedures when addressing respirable crystalline silica exposures in general industry, maritime, and construction.

The new directive provides OSHA compliance safety and health officers with guidance on how to enforce the silica standard's requirements, including: methods of compliance, table 1 tasks and specified exposure control methods, exposure assessments, housekeeping, respiratory protection, regulated areas, recordkeeping, employee information and training, medical surveillance, and communication of hazards.

The directive also provides clarity on major topics, such as alternative exposure control methods when a construction employer does not fully and properly implement Table 1, variability in sampling, multi-employer situations, and temporary workers.

For more information or even a presentation on the topic, please contact John Olaechea at 720-264-6586 or [olaechea.john@dol.gov](mailto:olaechea.john@dol.gov).



## FREE TRENCH SAFETY TRAINING RESOURCES



New Digging Deeper into Trenching Hazards Spanish Language Online and Classroom Train-the-Trainer Options

FREE [Train-the-Trainer Sessions](#) July 17 and July 24 at Red Rocks College, Lakewood CO (7.5 hours)

FREE [Spanish Language Video Conference Sessions](#) July 8, 9 and 10 7:00am-9:30 am (2.5 hours)



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The OSHA-ASSP Trench Safety Stand-Down recording from June 18, 2020 is now available on Vimeo.

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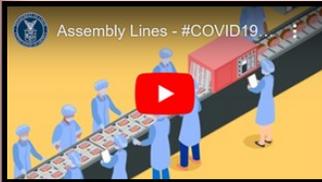
### Increasing Awareness of Factors that Influence Trench Safety

The presentation from OSHA, NIOSH, and United Rentals was held on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, and is now available for viewing.

[Play Recording](#)

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## COVID-19 Quick Videos (Assembly Lines)



[General COVID-19  
Guidance and Re-  
sources from  
OSHA](#)

[Interim COVID-19  
Guidance For Specific  
Worker Groups  
and their Employers](#)

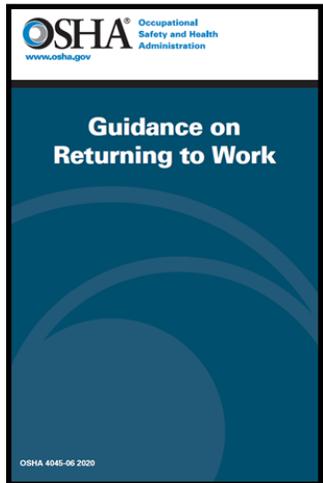
[When Can I re-  
turn to work after  
having COVID-  
19?](#)

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## LATEST CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES FROM OSHA

June 17

**Return to Work:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued [Guidance on Returning to Work](#) to assist employers reopening non-essential businesses and their employees returning to work during the evolving coronavirus pandemic. The guidance supplements the U.S. Department of Labor's and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' previously developed [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#) and the White House's [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#). The guidelines provide general principles for updating restrictions originally put in place to slow the spread of the coronavirus. During each phase of the reopening process, employers should continue to focus on strategies for basic hygiene, social distancing, identification and isolation of sick employees, workplace controls and flexibilities, and employee training.



OSHA maintains a COVID Response Summary website with current stats from the pandemic. Information including [daily enforcement data](#) and [whistleblower data](#) related to coronavirus can be found on the site.

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## WEBINAR

Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. E.T.

CPWR-NIOSH-OSHA COVID-19 Webinar Series

**Safety in Action --  
An Example from the Job Site**

Presented by:

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