



OSHA Fort Worth and Dallas Area Office – Stakeholder and Alliance Partner Newsletter

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This news letter is designed to provide news and information regarding COVID-19 and current OSHA Operations and guidance as we **continue to safely re-open DFW business and resume normal operations.** Please visit any of the following links for additional information or contact the Fort Worth of Dallas Area Office for additional guidance.



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OSHA-DOL General Information and additional guidance as we re-open our place of employment

- OSHA **continues to post information and guidance** on safe work practices as we re-open the US Economy, please visit- <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>
- For the latest news and updates on COVID-19 please visit - https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/news_updates.html
- OSHA continues to post information which will help employers take steps to prevent worker exposure to SARS-CoV-2, these are located at - <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/medicalinformation.html>
- For additional resources with regards to COVID-19 please visit - https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/additional_resources.html
- **New guidance on returning to work and reopening businesses is now available at;** <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA4045.pdf>
- Face Cover FAQs: <https://www.phe.gov/facecovering/Pages/faq.aspx>



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- For additional guidance, please visit the following web pages where great information can be obtained regarding safety and health procedures:
- Center for Disease Control (CDC) -
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-manufacturing-workers-employers.html>
- National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) -
 - https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019_ncov.html?deliveryName=USCD_C_308-DM26149
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) -
 - <https://www.ansi.org/COVID-19/Default>



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OSHA-DOL Upcoming events and training opportunities

- Safe + Sound Week is coming up, for more info please visit;
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOL/bulletins/291b726>
- The On-Demand OSHA- ASSP Trench Safety Stand-Down is available at the following link; <https://vimeo.com/430826049>
- Other Trenching and Excavation resources can be found on [OSHA's Trenching and Excavation webpage](#) and the [National Utility Contractors Association \(NUCA\) Trench Safety Stand Down webpage](#)
- CPWR-NIOSH-OSHA COVID-19 Webinar Series: COVID-19 – Updates on CDC Guidance available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRfoeklp4Bo&feature=youtu.be>
- Increasing Awareness of Factors that Influence Trench Safety Webinar available at;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uegUCd7gCJo&feature=youtu.be>



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OSHA-DOL General Information and additional guidance - messages from our Area Directors

FWAO AD Timothy Minor - “During these uncertain times the Fort Worth Area Office is still here to answer any and all questions and/or concerns that you may have. As the state of Texas and DFW area begin to re-open, and resume normal operations across our business community, please be reassured that OSHA will be there to provide training, outreach and employee protections as always. We look forward to helping our local stakeholders, business partners and all other employers and employees return to work safely during these difficult times. We look to our local Alliance and Partnerships to set the example and show safety leadership and mentor smaller employers.”

DAO AD Basil Singh – “During these uncertain times the Fort Worth Area Office is still here to answer any and all questions and/or concerns that you may have. As the state of Texas and DFW area begin to re-open, and resume normal operations across our business community, please be reassured that OSHA will be there to provide training, outreach and employee protections as always. We look forward to helping our local stakeholders, business partners and all other employers and employees return to work safely during these difficult times. We look to our local Alliance and Partnerships to set the example and show safety leadership and mentor smaller employers.”

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