



*Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
Occupational Health Clinics*

## **VIRTUAL CONN-OSHA**

### **Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**8:15 am – 9:45 am**

The safety and health of any company can sometimes be an overlooked priority. The Labor Department's CONN-OSHA division has taken steps to help your business keep up to date on the latest information and resources. On the third Tuesday of every month, CONN-OSHA offers Breakfast Roundtable Meetings that cover subjects ranging from evacuation plans and fire extinguishers to air quality and ergonomics. The intent of these free 90-minute workshops is to discuss safety and health issues in a supportive and informal environment. The roundtable meetings are held from 8:15 am to 9:45 on the third Tuesday of the month.

### **“Covid Testing and Contact Tracing”**

Contact tracing is key to stopping the spread of deadly, infectious diseases around the world. A tried-and-true public health practice is now a critical part of the fight against COVID-19. This presentation will share how the state of Connecticut is conducting this important function in a partnership between state and local health departments.

Kristen Soto, MPH, Syndromic Surveillance Coordinator, Infectious Disease Section, CT Dept. of Public Health will provide this timely presentation.

## **This will be a Zoom meeting.**

No need to pre-register, join the meeting as early as 8 am, October 20, 2020.

Topic: CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable

Time: Oct 20, 2020 08:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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# CONN-OSHA

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- **Welcome and Introductions**

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- **Low/No-Cost Training/Certification/Educational Opportunities**

- The Construction Safety Roundtable of Eastern Massachusetts (CSREM) NO-COST safety professional development meetings will continue to be held virtually. On **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** this month's speaker is Dr. Brian Morris. **Brian T. Morris, MD, JD, MBA, MPH** is a physician and attorney. He is also trained in public health. Dr. Morris is the Medical Director for OHS Training & Consulting, Inc. / OHS Total Care.

Dr. Morris spoke at the March, April, June, and July meetings. Since the July meeting, so much has changed with regard to the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). Based on new research, we know significantly more about how this virus spreads. In addition, there are better ways to test for the virus. Interesting, new treatments are in development. And, finally, there is the vaccine.

Dr. Morris' presentation will try to focus on new data. **The agenda includes:**

- **Where we stand now in the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
Get ready for the autumn surge
- **What we know about transmission**  
Why the virus is spread so easily
- **Symptoms**  
Take time to smell the roses
- **Personal Protective Measures**  
How much of a difference do they really make?
- **This is not just a respiratory infection**  
This virus can affect the entire body
- **High-risk people**  
Statistically, YOU are likely at high risk
- **Work**  
Strategies for staying home and for returning to work
- **Testing**  
The pros and cons of three tests
- **Treatment**  
What's old is new
- **Vaccine update**  
When to expect your coronavirus vaccination

**Go to [www.CSREM.ORG](http://www.CSREM.ORG) for Microsoft Teams Meeting – Microsoft Teams call in information**

- OSHA and American Society of Safety Professional (ASSP) are offering a **free webinar on Silica Compliance**. The webinar is scheduled for November 4, 2020 at 1:00 PM (EST) and will include speakers from OSHA, ASSP and CPWR. More information on the webinar and registration is available [here](#).
- The National Safety Council (NSC) announced SAFER: [SAFER: Safe Actions for Employee Returns](#), a no-cost comprehensive, multifaceted effort to guide employers through the process of safely resuming traditional work and operations now and in a post-pandemic environment. **You do not need to be a member of the NSC to access any of these resources**. The core objective of SAFER is establishing sustainable safe operations for employers and workers as they navigate what the world of work looks like as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Created in partnership with Fortune 500 companies, leading safety organizations and public health professionals and experts, the center of SAFER is the formation of the first national task force focused on worker safety. The task force will issue recommendations and develop guidance for employers, including small and mid-size companies, as they navigate the changed work environment and determine most critical needs to ensure the safety of their workers.

NSC [urged the Department of Labor](#) to adopt the [SAFER framework](#) (an excellent overview of the challenges we face) as part of its Opening America's Workplaces Again national online dialogue. Anyone interested in assisting in this effort can email [safer@nsc.org](mailto:safer@nsc.org).

The following "quick-hit documents," are an example of the quality of the no-cost resources available at this web site. These documents were generated with the insight and expertise of the SAFER Task Force, and are the tactical components - issue papers, checklists, procedures, protocols - needed to turn the [SAFER Framework](#) recommendations into action. Issue papers are a more intensive look at specific topics filled with procedures, potential challenges and recommended employer actions.

#### Quick Hits:

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- [Confirmed Case Notification Protocol](#)
- [Employee Return-to-Worksite Status](#)
- [Entrance Screening](#)
- [Managing Employee Stress and Anxiety](#)
- [Office Physical Distancing](#)
- [Office Reopening Protocol](#)
- [Risk Exposure Index for Office Settings](#)
- [Workplace Hygiene](#)
- [Action Plan Template](#)

For even more Info, go to:

<https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/safety-topics/safe-actions-for-employee-returns-safer>

- **Ongoing Educational Opportunities**

- New Hampshire General Industry Roundtable news. During the COVID-19 restrictive time, the New Hampshire General Industry Roundtable will be replaced by the New England Roundtable Series via Zoom. Here is their impressive list of topics:

- **October 14, 2020:** Peter Ohmart  
**Topic:** How to Prepare for a DOT Audit. Will you be Ready?
- **October 21, 2020:** Corey W. Briggs MSPH, CIH, CIT, *Senior Consultant Colden Corporation- New England Regional Office*  
**Topic:** Freeze Frame: Let's FOCUS on Health and Safety
- **October 28, 2020:** David Kiser -EHS Engineer Hypertherm, Inc.  
**Topic:** Robotics in the Workplace
- **November 19, 2020:** John Kananowicz, *Regional Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinator*  
**Topic:** Overview of the Federal Whistleblower Protection Program
- **December 2, 2020:** David Doll, *Safety Manager Avalon Bay*  
**Topic:** Fire Prevention in Construction
- **December 9, 2020:** Bob Kunz, *Safety Manager*  
**Topic:** Crane Safety
- **January 6, 2021:** Tim Irving, *Directorate of Construction OSHA National Office*  
**Topic:** OSHA Update
- **January 13, 2021:** Speaker TBD  
**Topic:** Confined Spaces
- **January 20, 2021:** Mark Heffron, *OSHA Enforcement Programs*  
**Topic:** New Technology and Myth Busters

To register for these no-cost webinars, visit:

<https://keene.zoom.us/j/402526797>.

Also, if you are launching zoom through your browser alone, you will need to use google chrome. Cell phones also work if you are having issues with logging on so use that as a backup if you can't get on through your computer.

OSHA Region 1 has worked hard to come up with this weekly online training series that will cover a broad range of topics. These **no-cost** weekly sessions will take place **each Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:15 am**. For all the info go here: <https://oshaedne.com/neroundtable-zoom/>

- *Wednesdays with Woodward* is a no-cost webinar series hosted by Joan Woodward, President of the Travelers Institute, which explores pressing topics impacting individuals and businesses. Through candid conversations with thought leaders, she delivers practical advice to help address today's challenges. Join her as she interviews experts on topics such as cybersecurity threats as a result of remote employees, small business liability issues, the economic and political outlook, managing employee stress and anxiety and more.

## Insurance Regulation: What You Need to Know Now

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 1-2 pm.** There is no lack of pressing regulatory issues facing the insurance industry today. From leading through a global pandemic to ensuring the preservation of risk-based pricing, thoughtful and responsible industry engagement across sectors will be critical.

Join Dr. David A. Sampson, President and CEO of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), and Glenn Westrick, Senior Vice President for Government Relations at Travelers, for an inside look at key regulatory issues for 2021 and beyond.

Presented by the Travelers Institute, the American Property Casualty Insurance Association and the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council.

Speakers:

[Dr. David A. Sampson](#), President and CEO, American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)

[Glenn Westrick](#), Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Travelers

[Joan Woodward](#), President, Travelers Institute; Executive Vice President, Public Policy; Travelers

Register here:

[https://travelers.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YVt3vOZFRDeK-D02gr2auQ](https://travelers.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YVt3vOZFRDeK-D02gr2auQ)

- **New Business/News**

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published additional [frequently asked questions and answers](#) (FAQs) regarding the need to report employees' in-patient hospitalizations and fatalities resulting from work-related cases of the coronavirus.

OSHA's new FAQs provide information to help employers apply the agency's existing injury and illness recording and reporting requirements to the coronavirus. In particular, the FAQs provide guidance on how to calculate reporting deadlines for in-patient hospitalizations and fatalities, and clarify the meaning of the term "incident" as it relates to work-related coronavirus in-patient hospitalizations and fatalities. These FAQs are the latest effort by OSHA to provide employers and employees with more information about how it will enforce its standards and regulations during the pandemic. OSHA has also previously published [revised enforcement guidance](#) detailing how OSHA will enforce the recordkeeping requirements of 29 CFR 1904 for employee coronavirus illnesses for all employers.