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Quad Cities Chapter

### Next Meeting:

**TOPIC: Special Guest Panel**

**Presenter: ASSP's BISE Common Interest Group**

**When: 12/7/2020 @ noon**

**Where: Virtual Meeting**

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We are always looking for input into the newsletter to better serve our members. Please send newsletter contributions to Diana Gilbert.

### New Members!!

The Quad City Chapter would like to welcome our newest member: Robert Koenig w/Lyondell Basell and new transfer Darren Austin w/Manatts.

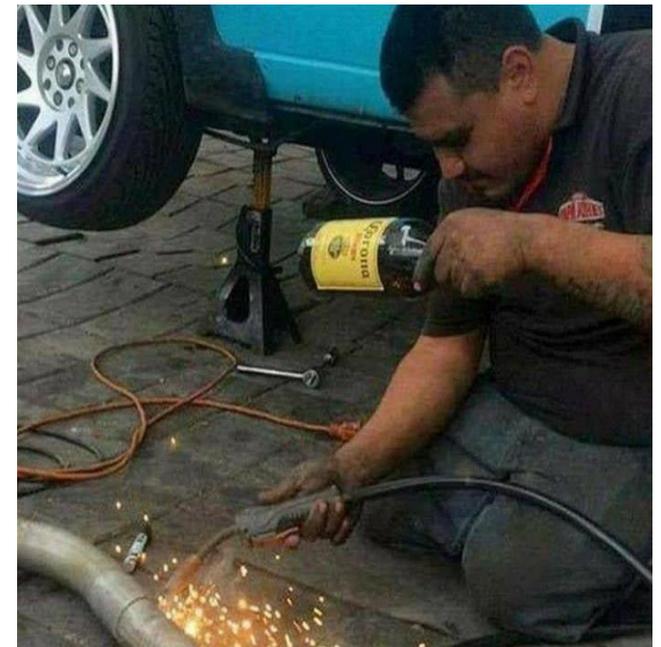
### Welcome!!

If you know of someone who is interested in joining our chapter, refer them to the refer-a-member link on <http://www.assp.org/>

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## **CDC Updates: Definition of Close Contact & Reinfection Information**

On October 21, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced updated COVID-19 guidance, specifically the definition of "close contact." The expanded definition states that the 15-minute exposure period should be measured based on a cumulative amount of time over 24 hours and not just a single 15-minute interaction.

The previous definition of close contact was someone who spent at least 15 minutes within 6 feet of a person with a confirmed case.

The CDC now defines close contact as "someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated." *At this time, differential determination of close contact for those using fabric face coverings is not recommended.*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

Accumulating evidence supports that people who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to undergo repeat quarantine in the case of another COVID-19 exposure within 3 months of their initial diagnosis. Evidence does not indicate the definitive absence of re-infection during this period, only that risks of potential SARS-CoV-2 transmission from recovered persons are likely outweighed by the personal and societal benefits of avoiding unnecessary quarantine. CDC recommends that all people, regardless of symptoms, and whether or not they have had COVID-19 in the past, continue to take all recommended measures to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission (i.e., wear masks, stay 6 feet away from others whenever possible, and wash hands regularly).

If a person has a new exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and meets all of the following criteria:

1. Has recovered from laboratory-confirmed (PCR or antigen) SARS-CoV-2 infection and has already met criteria to end isolation
2. Is within the first 3 months following the onset of symptoms of their initial confirmed infection, or within the first 3 months of their first positive viral test if they were asymptomatic during initial infection
3. Has remained asymptomatic since the new exposure

**Then that person does not require quarantine or repeat testing for SARS-CoV-2 in the context of this new exposure.**

If a person has a new exposure to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and meets the first two above criteria, but has or develops new symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of the new exposure, consultation with a health care provider is recommended, and consultation with infectious disease or infection control experts may be necessary. If an alternative cause of the symptoms cannot be identified, retesting for SARS-CoV-2 infection may be warranted. In the absence of clinical evaluation to rule out SARS-CoV-2 reinfection, this person should be isolated for the duration recommended in the memo above – for most persons, this would be 10 days after symptom onset and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html#Annex>

## No change to number of on-the-job injuries and illnesses in private sector, BLS says

Washington — The number of nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses in the U.S. private sector remained unchanged in 2019, as did the incidence rate of total recordable cases, according to [annual data](#) released Nov. 4 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Workers in private industry experienced an estimated 2.8 million nonfatal injuries and illnesses last year – the same as over the past three years. The total recordable rate – also unchanged for the third consecutive year – was 2.8 cases per 100 full-time equivalent workers. Estimated nonfatal injuries and illnesses that resulted in at least one day of lost work totaled 888,220 – “essentially unchanged from 2018” as well.

Other findings:

- The manufacturing sector accounted for 15% of the estimated 2.8 million injuries and illnesses, but its total recordable rate decreased to 3.3 per 100 FTE workers from 3.4 in 2018.
- The median number of days away from work was eight, the same as in 2018.
- Injured employees age 65 or older had a median DAFW of 16.
- The DAFW incident rate for men decreased to 91.7 per 10,000 FTE workers from 94.3. For women, that rate decreased to 80.4 from 83.4.

## U.S. Department of Labor Issues Guidance to Ensure Uniform Enforcement of Silica Standards – #OSHA #SilicaExposure

[JACK BENTON](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently issued a [compliance directive](#) 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 standards’ 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.

OSHA began enforcing most provisions of the construction standard in September 2017, with the enforcement of the requirements for sample analysis starting in June 2018. Enforcement of most of the general industry and maritime standards began in June 2018, with the enforcement of some medical surveillance requirements commencing on June 23, 2020. On June 23, 2021, OSHA will begin enforcing requirements for engineering controls for hydraulic fracturing operations in the oil and gas industry.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards and providing training, education, and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

## HELP WANTED

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## SafetyFOCUS

[SafetyFOCUS](#) is a multi-day, immersive learning experience that is unparalleled in the safety industry. It features more than 100 occupational safety and health (OSH) courses taught by world-class experts that will help you deepen your knowledge and find solutions you can apply immediately at your organization.

[Learn more](#)

### Virtual Event Series Spotlights Human and Organizational Performance

Occupational safety and health professionals have two upcoming opportunities to expand their industry knowledge and learn strategies to better protect workers at virtual events offered by the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP). [SafetyFOCUS: Human and Organizational Performance](#) takes place Nov. 17 while [SafetyFOCUS: Business Skills and Leadership](#) is set for Nov. 18-19.

The immersive education events are part of a series of virtual events designed for safety professionals to stay current on best practices while dealing with shrinking travel budgets and widespread physical distancing. The events are free for ASSP members – one of the many benefits of belonging to the world's oldest professional safety organization.

At the full-day SafetyFOCUS: Human and Organizational Performance, industry experts will share their insights on the human dynamics and interactions that impact occupational safety and health performance and help build a positive safety culture. Concurrent sessions will cover many topics, including psychological safety, safety culture and leadership, humanistic safety support and root cause analysis.

Attendees at the two-day SafetyFOCUS: Business Skills and Leadership will gain knowledge and skills to demonstrate the value of safety and health to the C-suite and become more influential leaders within their organizations. Industry experts will discuss how to be a change agent for safety and health and how protecting workers can impact the bottom line. Concurrent sessions will highlight topics such as essential leadership skills, using influence and persuasion to gain commitment, the role of the safety and health professional in workers' compensation, and effectively using risk assessment and control.

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