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COVID-19 and Our Focus to Provide Safe Workplaces

In order to ensure our trainees, visitors, and employees are as safe as possible at our location during this heightened time of caution, the Safety Council of Texas City (SCTC) has taken the following additional steps beyond our already stringent hygiene practices:

- Risk-screening for all entering SCTC facilities
- All entrants will be **required** to sanitize their hands upon arrival at a SCTC facility
- Social distancing through increased space between each training station in labs and classrooms
- Additional hand sanitizing and readily available handwashing stations with universal tips and sanitary instructions
- Disinfecting training stations, keyboards, and all materials before and after each use
- Increased janitorial services
- Signage throughout our facility with universal precautions
- Updates and links to relevant webinars will be provided (as available) from SCTC and partners, like HASC/Global Health

The SCTC team in conjunction with HASC/Global Health are continuously monitoring the CDC updates and will advise if circumstances and recommendations change.

We encourage each of you to refer to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines when developing your plans for dealing with this

issue: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Below are the CDC's everyday prevention recommendations to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Additional tips include: Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-

based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Federal and State Links and Information regarding COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

CDC National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019_ncov.html

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

<https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus>

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

U.S. Department of Labor

<https://www.dol.gov/coronavirus>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus>

Office of the Texas Governor

<https://gov.texas.gov/>

Texas Department of State Health Services

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

NSC announces task force on safely bringing employees back to work - Safety+Health Magazine

Itasca, IL - The National Safety Council has launched [*SAFER: Safe Actions for Employee Returns*](#), a comprehensive, multifaceted effort to help guide employers through the process of safely resuming traditional work and operations now and in a post-COVID-19 pandemic environment.

The task force comprises nonprofit organizations, businesses, medical professionals, government agencies and trade associations - all with the intention of sharing their expertise to develop industry- and risk-specific resources and recommendations for U.S. employers of all sizes.

The task force will issue recommendations and develop guidance for employers as they navigate the changed work environment and determine the most critical needs to ensure the safety of their workers.

For more information, please

visit: <https://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/19768-nsc-announces-task-force-on-safely-bringing-employees-back-to-work>

American Heart Association Issues COVID-19 CPR Guidelines - EHS Daily Advisor

The American Heart Association (AHA) issued interim cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) guidelines that apply during the COVID-19 pandemic. The AHA recommended bystanders and lay rescuers administer "hands only" CPR without mouth-to-mouth ventilation to limit exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.

Those administering CPR as first aid also should consider covering their own and the cardiac arrest victim's nose and mouth with a face mask or cloth to reduce the likelihood of disease transmission. Rescuers should use an automated external defibrillator (AED), if one is available, because defibrillation is not expected to generate aerosol particles.

For more information, please visit: <https://ehsdailyadvisor.blr.com/2020/04/american-heart-association-issues-covid-19-cpr-guidelines/>

Memorial Day Holiday

SCTC will be closed on Monday, May 25th, for the Memorial Day Holiday. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, May 26th.

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