

# AGC Safety Initiative E-News March 2, 2022

**OUR Safety MISSION:** Help each other enforce safety rules to ensure that every person on construction site goes home safe and healthy at end of the workday.

Calendar of Events – Learn more

NCSHP Spring Safety Meeting - Spring into Safety 22! April 7, 2022 | 8:00am - 3:30pm | Round the Bend Steakhouse, Ashland <u>Click here</u> for more information.

<u>COVID-19 Resources Update</u> Updated information with quick references.

AGC of America's COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit https://www.agc.org/covid-19-vaccine-toolkit

OSHA withdrew its <u>Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard</u> and will focus on a permanent <u>COVID-19 Healthcare Standard</u>

#### Gov. Ricketts Signs Coronavirus Vaccine Exemption Legislation

LB 906e allows Nebraskans to claim medical or religious exemption from coronavirus vaccination requirements in most workplaces. The bill has an emergency clause and will take effect at 12:01 AM on March 1, 2022.

LB 906e directs the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to create a <u>COVID-19 vaccine</u> <u>exemption form</u>. Nebraskans can use the form to indicate that coronavirus vaccination conflicts with their religious beliefs or practices. They may also use the form for medical exemption, provided a healthcare practitioner has signed a statement that coronavirus vaccination is inadvisable or ought to be delayed given the individual's medical condition.

The vaccine exemption applies to employers of one or more persons, including State agencies and political subdivisions. It does not apply to the federal government, tribal governments, or workers covered by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) vaccine mandate. For more information about the bill, or to download a COVID-19 vaccine exemption form, <u>click here</u>.

LB 906e pertains to coronavirus vaccination only and does not apply to workplace requirements for COVID-19 testing or the usage of personal protective equipment (PPE).

## Women In Construction Week March 6 – 12

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), the leading professional association for women in the construction industry, is excited to celebrate the 24th Annual Women in Construction Week March 6-12, 2022. Women in Construction (WIC) Week raises awareness and celebrates the work of women in the construction industry across the country. NAWIC founded WIC Week in 1998 to continue its mission of strengthening and amplifying the success of women in the industry. This year's theme is 'Envision Equity.' Chapters and companies across the country are putting on a wide variety of events to commemorate the week. To learn more about WIC Week and to find events in your area <u>here</u>. The Greater Omaha Chapter's information can be found <u>here</u>.

#### CONNECTED. SUPPORTED. SAFE. Construction Safety Week May 2 - 6, 2022

Safety is a bond that unites us. It's our connection to each other, and to something bigger than ourselves. Being **connected** gives us strength, because it means we are not alone in building a stronger, safer industry, and in creating a safe, supportive environment for our workers. **Supported** means we are here for one another, and we have each other's backs in every possible way, providing the tools and resources necessary to ensure everyone can do their best work and return home safely every day. When we're connected and supported, we are better able to help ourselves and our teams stay present and focused on the job. We are better able to create a culture and workplace where everyone feels **safe**. The more we stay connected and committed, the more we can show up fully to support one another. And the more we feel supported, the more safe choices we make, and the better work we deliver, leading to safer selves, safer teams, and safer job sites. **Click here** for more information.

## Safety Initiative Goals:

As an AGC Nebraska Building Chapter member, are you participating with:

- 100% of all AGC members and other contractors on AGC jobsites enforcing OSHA standards as they apply to falls, electrical safety and possible another topic.
- 100% of all AGC members will have set their own company goals to improve safety in their firm and have a way to measure progress towards the goal.
- 100% of all AGC members will encourage and support all contractors on their jobsites to set their own company goals for improving safety.