



## **AGC Safety Initiative E-News** **August 26, 2020**

**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.

**Supplement your safety program with** [AGC Nebraska Building Chapter Safety Resources](#). The site offers on-demand, online or on-site training opportunities on a variety of topics; services; regulations and news within our industry. Share this link with team members!

**Calendar of Events –** [Learn more](#)

### **General & Sub-Contractor Collaboration on Impact of COVID-19 | PAST | PRESENT | FUTURE** **A Virtual Panel Roundtable | Wednesday, September 9, 2020 | 10:00-11:00am**

This townhall style webinar brings together SC, GC, and other industry folks to discuss perspective's on communication of COVID-19 safety and health protocols, best practices in policies/plans; what's most important now with tracing and cases on site; and long term implications and the impact on productivity.

#### **Panelists Include:**

- Jeremy Langer, Project Executive, Kiewit Building Group
- Chad Westphalen, Omaha Division President, The Waldinger Corporation
- Doug Fletcher, Owner, Fletcher Safety Consulting, Inc
- Tim Timmons, Communicable Disease Program Supervisor, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
- Chad Thies, President, Zelle Human Resource Solutions

***No charge to attend; non-members welcome! Appropriate for all levels in your organizations!***

Additional Information and register online at <https://www.agcnebuilders.com/events/event/2020/09/09/a-virtual-panel-roundtable/300693>

### **DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS HOSTED BY OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS!**

#### **[Take a good, hard look': OSHA webinar explores COVID-19 prevention in construction, manufacturing](#)**

Acting OSHA administrator Loren Sweatt is urging employers in the construction and manufacturing industries to "take a good, hard look at what your people are doing and what adjustments you can make" to prevent worker exposure to COVID-19. "Can you build in a way to ensure that people aren't so close together? Can you build in that 6 feet?" Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch items on jobsites deserves special attention, along with ensuring workers are being provided the personal protective equipment they need. Employers should perform a job hazard analysis and update their disaster recovery plans to include COVID-19.

As of June 25, the agency had received more than 6,000 COVID-19-related [complaints](#) from workers, said Sweatt, who added, "We have investigated every single one or are in the process of investigating them." According to an OSHA spokesperson, the agency received 8,656 COVID-19-related complaints between Feb. 1 and Aug. 4 – 6,692 of which have been closed. Before closing a complaint investigation, OSHA area offices review employer responses about actions taken to determine if further action is warranted, the spokesperson said. Agency inspectors, meanwhile, won't close a case if they have identified safety violations. According to

the spokesperson, federal OSHA has opened 801 inspections. Of those, 763 were open as of Aug. 4. Of the 38 inspections that have been closed, 32 employers were determined to be in compliance and six were issued hazard alert letters. According to the agency, it has cited three violations related to respiratory protection and one violation related to recordkeeping requirements.

Sweatt said OSHA continues to encourage workers to share complaints by calling (800) 321-6742 or submitting an online complaint form. Sweatt also told attendees:

- OSHA has worked regularly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure consistency in COVID-19 messaging. “We’re really dedicated to working with our federal partners to ensure we’re speaking with one voice.”
- Employers should make sure “they’re looking at legitimate resources online” for current safety and health information, such as [OSHA.gov](https://www.osha.gov) and [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Read the full article [here](#)

### **2020 AWARDS PROGRAM--Quality People. Quality Projects.**

The time is **NOW** to start planning your submissions for the **Building Nebraska Awards** and the **Quality People** nominations. Build Nebraska [Intent to Enter form](#) is due **September 1**. Award information at: [agcnebuilders.com/events/awardsprogram](https://agcnebuilders.com/events/awardsprogram)

### **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.

Every day your safety-mindedness sets a great example for everyone in your department and throughout the company.