



Safety Update

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AGC OF OHIO ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR TWO SAFETY AWARDS PROGRAMS

National AGC Safety Awards - [Entries](#) Due Feb 8

Takes 5 minutes, compares incidence rates, and recognizes those 25% below division average

Submit your information for the [National AGC Safety Awards \(NASA\)](#) today! AGC members with **direct-hire, jobsite craft labor** may enter. It only takes 5 minutes to input information with your OSHA 300 log, there's no charge, and participating companies receive a Report Card comparing their data with other firms of similar type and size. Companies with rates 25 percent below their division average receive a Certificate of Commendation that will be presented during the AGC of Ohio Safety Luncheon.

[Learn more and enter](#) by February 8, 2023. Direct questions to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) – [Entries](#) Due March 31

Top safety award, honors company's overall safety and health program

CSEA recognizes AGC members for their overall safety programs, closely examining companies' commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control. The comprehensive selection process considers evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation.

The AGC of Ohio CSEA entry categories include Building (GC Only), Heavy, Specialty Contractor, and Construction Management. Members that entered AGC of America's CSEA program may send a copy of their national application to AGC of Ohio in lieu of completing the state application.

Winners will be recognized at the AGC of Ohio Safety Luncheon and receive a green marble brick with a yellow hard hat. Contact Andrea Ashley at (614) 486-6446 or andrea@agcoho.com with questions or for more information. [Click here to enter.](#)

AGC OF AMERICA MENTAL HEALTH EFFORTS

PSA Videos, Other Resources Available

On December 6, 2022, AGC of America released a [series of videos](#) telling the stories of real industry professionals who have struggled with mental health. The hope is that in sharing their stories, others will know they are not alone, and it is okay to seek help when it is needed. These videos are part of the association's ongoing efforts to combat high suicide rates and improve mental health among the industry's workers.

AGC of America established a [resource page](#) that includes useful websites, toolbox talks, sample programs and additional information construction companies may find helpful in their mental health and suicide prevention efforts.

AGC OF AMERICA REITERATES CONCERNS TO WHITE HOUSE ON POSSIBILITY OF OSHA INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION IN COVID-19 HEALTHCARE STANDARD, IMPACTING HEALTHCARE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

On December 7, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) submitted its final rule to protect healthcare workers from COVID-19 for review to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before it is publicly released. Prior to its OMB submission, OSHA requested that the Advisory Committee for Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH), on which AGC is a member, provide a recommendation on how the agency should proceed with respect to covering construction work at healthcare facilities under the scope of the rule if it adopts a final COVID-19 healthcare standard. OSHA presented two options for ACCSH consideration:

- Option 1– Rely on healthcare employer duty of care to manage patient isolation to prevent construction worker exposure, as well as the information provided shared by the healthcare employer, and 1926 Subpart C (General Safety and Health Provisions) to protect employees engaged in construction activities.
- Option 2 – A new requirement and exemption on COVID-19 Construction work in 1926.58

AGC, along with its coalition partners, met with OMB/OIRA on January 4, to reiterate industry concerns with covering construction activities under the scope of the rule. During the meeting, coalition members highlighted that contractors have historically implemented safety and health programs that have proven to be effective in protecting construction workers, healthcare staff, and the general public from infectious diseases.

If the agency determines that construction will be covered under the scope of the final rule, the coalition strongly recommended adopting Option 1, the performance-based approach. AGC previously submitted comments opposing the expansion of the rule's application to construction activities in healthcare settings.

DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR OSHA 300A SUMMARY

Employers covered by OSHA's [record-keeping rule](#) must post a summary of 2022 work-related injury and illnesses in a noticeable place from Feb. 1 to April 30. Access your 300 A Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses form and other applicable forms and instructions [here](#).

All employers with at least 250 employees and construction companies with 20 to 249 employees are also required to submit the form 300A electronically via OSHA's Injury Tracking Application (ITA). (Construction is listed broadly in the [list of high-hazard industries](#) requiring the electronic submission.) OSHA's [technical information FAQ](#) answers questions on how to establish an account and submit the information