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## **President's Message**

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We had a great turnout at the DISC Communication workshop in March. Denis Baker always does a nice job at educating his audience, while keeping them entertained. A special thank you to the KC Aviation team for hosting our meeting.

Out of an abundance of caution and following CDC recommendations, the Executive Committee has decided to postpone the April Chapter Meeting and Workshop. Wearable Technology is a very relevant topic, so we'll look forward to having this topic at a future meeting.

Remember to vote in the ASSP elections. The HOA ballot will be emailed 3/18 and closes 4/2. The Society elections close on 3/31.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter as it contains a lot of valuable information on March and April safety campaigns, COVID-19 resources, and Eye Wellness.

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## New Members

If you know someone who would like to join ASSP Heart of America Chapter please direct them [HERE!](#)

## DISC Communication Workshop



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## Job Openings

Please check out our website for recent job postings. <https://kc.assp.org/>

## Next Meetings

**Postponed**      Wearable Technology

**TBD**      Possible technical tour at Boulevard Brewery

## SAFECONEXPO



<https://www.shcmoks.com/safeconexpo/register.aspx>

## Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

March & April			
Feb. 1 – April 30	OSHA 300A Summary Log Should Be Posted	OSHA	<a href="https://www.osha-slc.gov/">osha.gov</a>
March	Brain Injury Awareness Week	Brain Injury Association of America	<a href="https://www.biausa.org/">biausa.org</a>
March	National Nutrition Month	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	<a href="https://www.eatright.org/">eatright.org</a>
March	Workplace Eye Wellness Month	Prevent Blindness America	<a href="https://www.preventblindness.org/">preventblindness.org</a>
March 16-22	National Poison Prevention Week	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	<a href="https://www.poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/">poisonhelp.hrsa.gov</a>
March 30-April 5	National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week	National Institutes of Health	<a href="https://www.drugabuse.gov/">drugabuse.gov</a>

April	National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week	National Safety Council	<a href="https://nsc.org/justdrive">nsc.org/justdrive</a>
April	National Youth Sports Safety Month	Stop Sports Injuries	<a href="https://stopsportsinjuries.org">stopsportsinjuries.org</a>
April 1	National Walking Day	US Department of Transportation	<a href="https://trafficsafetymarketing.gov">trafficsafetymarketing.gov</a>
April 5-11	National Window Safety Week	Window Safety Task Force	<a href="https://nsc.org">nsc.org</a>
April 7	World Health Day	World Health Organization	who.int
April 20-24	National Work Zone Awareness Week	American Traffic Safety Services Association	<a href="https://atssa.com">atssa.com</a>
April 27-May 1	National Playground Safety Week	National Program for Playground Safety	<a href="https://playgroundsafety.org">playgroundsafety.org</a>
April 28	Workers' Memorial Day	American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations	<a href="https://aflcio.org">aflcio.org</a>

### **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The health and welfare of our members, families, work families and our surrounding community members, is very important to us. Information is evolving very rapidly regarding the COVID 19 virus. Interim guidance is available for businesses, institutions, communities and individuals through many different sources. Links have been provided below to some of the more reliable and frequently updated informational resources. In addition to these sources, employer and community updates should provide directions as to how we respond within our professional and personal roles.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

World Health Organization – Coronavirus Disease (COVGID-19) Outbreak:  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

U.S. Food & Drug Administration Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

U.S. Department of Labor – OSHA -COVID-19 Safety and Health Topics:  
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

CDC – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities – Work:  
[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-business-response.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-business-response.html)

## **March is Workplace Eye Wellness Month**

Without proper personal protective equipment on the job and adhering to good hygiene procedures, serious eye injuries and illnesses can occur.

- The most common eye injuries result from trauma to the eye or face from wind-blown particles, ejection of chips or slivers from wood or metal, dust in the air or from blunt force trauma. Eye injuries can also result from contact with chemical splashes or from thermal heat / light rays.
- The communication of blood and body fluids from one person to another can transmit diseases such as the flu, HIV, hepatitis B, and other viral infections. Transfer can occur from a contaminated finger, droplet, or in some cases aerosolized particle.
- Workplace eye injuries are typically a result of worker contact with solid objects, liquids or gases that result in contact, scrapes, blunt force, or penetration to the eye(s) and face area.
- A personal protective equipment (PPE) Program Assessment should be conducted to determine the minimal required protection for a specific job. For many industrial jobs, safety glasses, goggles, face shields, or full-face respirators are required. OSHA's eye and face protection standard, 29 CFR 1910.133, requires the use of eye and face protection when workers are exposed to eye or face hazards such as flying objects, molten metal, acids or caustics and other harmful liquid chemicals, chemical gases or vapors, or potentially damaging light radiation.
- The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) developed ANSI Z87.1-2015 to establish criteria for the use, testing, marking, choosing, and maintenance of eye protection used to prevent or minimize injuries and illness resulting from eye hazards.
- Work areas or areas of specific hazards should be identified with signage to provide awareness and reminder as to the level of protection required.



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