



CCSA Newsletter | March 2021 Edition

Hang in there! These are trying times on the frontline of health and community care. CCSA is actively working on your behalf to navigate this rapidly changing environment.



Good News Stories

Each month, we feature a good news story from our members. This month, we have three that are guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

AgeCare lifts spirits with IP&C Olympics

The [AgeCare Skypointe](#) team in Calgary found a creative way to motivate staff with an Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) Olympics. It featured an opening ceremony, a torch that stayed lit, designated 'countries', and 'athletes' who earned points by completing audits. A little competition never hurt anyone!

- Read more [here](#).

Silvera welcomes \$12M gift to boost affordable living for seniors

[Silvera for Seniors](#) recently received an unsolicited \$12 million donation, which has allowed them to purchase a 2.9-acre parcel of land and a 39-unit townhouse complex in Calgary's northwest.

- Read the good news in the [Calgary Herald](#).

Covenant Health's HCA steps in as hairdresser for seniors

Rommel Arguelles, a health care aide at [Covenant Health's Youville Home](#) in St. Albert, has taken on some new tasks. Hairdressers are no longer able to enter the building, so he is acting as part of a glam squad for residents.

- Read the story and watch the video on [Global News](#).

Do you have a good news story? We'd love to share it. Contact [CCSA](#).

Survey: COVID-19 Vaccination for Staff

How many staff have you vaccinated against COVID-19? Is there hesitation to participate? What products or support do you need to encourage staff vaccination?

Please take this important three-minute survey. It will allow us to:

- Determine trends within our industry
- Compare data between BC and Alberta
- Advocate on our industry's behalf for resources, if needed.

Take the 3-minute [survey](#) now.



Survey: Online learning... Are you ready and able?

Even after we battle the pandemic, online learning is going to be a priority. We need a realistic picture of our member needs so we can invest energy where it counts.

Please tell us whether your organization is ready and able to do online learning, and what the barriers may be (e.g. time, equipment, a quiet space for learning, etc.). Also, what are your learning priorities?

- Do a [quick survey](#) (Less than 5 mins. We promise.)

Action plans in lieu of COR Maintenance Audits

Is your organization in a COR Maintenance Year? You may be eligible to participate in an action plan in lieu of a maintenance audit.

- [Click here to find out more](#).



Interested in serving on the CCSA Board of Directors?

CCSA's virtual AGM is happening this April (date TBA, stay tuned for details). In preparation, we are seeking [nominations](#) now for two (2) Long Term Care Directors and one (1) Seniors Supportive Living Director.

- Want to learn more about what's involved? Contact Executive Director [Dana Loepky](#).
- Submit your nomination [now](#).

ADVOCATING ON YOUR BEHALF!

Proactive Inspection Program

Each year, [OHS](#) proactively inspects employers to monitor compliance with legislation. The intent is to help employers identify hazards and to mitigate them.

- Read about the [Healthcare Proactive Inspection Program 2021/2022](#)
- For context, download [Prevention Initiative for Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety System](#) (18 pages)

March is Nutrition Month – a CCSA Safety Campaign

March is Nutrition Month and this year's theme is Good for You! There are tons of juicy resources available to highlight the importance of healthy eating and food safety:

- [CCSA](#) safety campaign resources
- [Dietitians of Canada](#)
- [Unlockfood.ca](#)

Want to give it an OHS spin? Food safety goes hand-in-hand with nutrition. Here are some resources:

- [Government of Canada - Food Safety Information](#)
- [Government of Canada - Understanding Food Safety Regulations Handbook](#)
- [Alberta Food Safety Laws and Requirements](#)



CCSA's harassment in-service is now available as a free webinar

Last month, we announced that CCSA's popular [Harassment in the Workplace In-service](#) is now available online as a [free webinar](#). It generated so much interest, we thought we'd let you know again, in case you missed it.

This engaging webinar challenges participant to learn what harassment in the workplace looks like and how to deal with it when and if it happens. It is comprised of four five-minute videos. Developed with front-line workers in mind, all levels of employees can benefit and are encouraged to register.

- Learn more and register [here](#).

Steps for life 5km walk aims to fundraise and shine light on workplace tragedy

This May, the Association for Workplace Tragedy Family Support, known more commonly as [Threads of Life](#), will once again offer Steps for Life – a 5 km walk to raise money and educate the community about the devastating effects of workplace tragedies. Worried about this being an in-person event? You can also participate in a virtual walk.



- Learn more [here](#).



Latest issue of WorkSIGHT magazine

In case you missed it, here are the headlines from the [February 2020 edition](#):

- Critical mental health incidents: Are you prepared?
- Have you submitted your annual return?
- In 2020, WCB temporarily suspended its pre-authorized debit (PAD) program and stopped issuing invoices following the provincial government's announcement of premium relief measures. Regular invoicing and PAD will resume on **March 1, 2021**.

To subscribe to WCB Alberta's monthly WorkSIGHT magazine or to read the current issue, click [here](#).



Latest issue of OHS eNews

Here are the highlights of the [February 2021](#) edition of OHS eNews:

- New bulletin: [COVID-19 exposure in workplace common areas](#)
- Updated bulletin: [Reporting COVID-19 Incidents](#)

- Feb 2020 bulletin: [Harassment and violence in the workplace: OHS requirements](#)
- Anyone can report an unsafe or unhealthy workplace, even if it's not their worksite: [urgent situations](#) or [non-urgent complaints](#).

Mark your calendars!



March

- [Nutrition Month](#)
- [Liver Health Month](#)
- [Pharmacy Appreciation Month](#)
- [International Women's Day](#) – March 8
- [Brain Awareness Week](#) – March 15-21

April

- [Green Shirt Day](#) for Organ Donor Awareness and Registration (the Logan Boulet Effect) – April 7
- [National Day of Mourning](#) for those who lost lives, suffered injury or illness on the job – April 28
- [National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Campaigns](#) – last week of April



CCSA has expanded the courses we can now deliver via instructor-led virtual training. We will continue to offer both classroom and virtual options as we move forward.

[Check out our course descriptions and schedules.](#)

SAFETY TRAINING

- Auditor Training
- Hazard Assessment & Control
- HS Committee / Rep
- Incident Investigation
- Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Combo (SRH and MMH)
- Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention – Manual Materials Handling (MMH)
- Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention – Safe Resident Handling (SRH)
- OHSMS: Basics for Auditors
- Root Cause Analysis In-service
- Work Site Inspections

SAFETY LEADERSHIP COURSES

- Safety Leadership Module 1: Intro to HS Leadership
- Safety Leadership Module 2: Leading Individual Safety Performance
- Safety Leadership Module 3: Effective Team Leadership

- Manual Materials Handling (MMH) Train-the-Trainer
- Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Combo (SRH & MMH) Train-the-Trainer
- Safe Resident Handling (SRH) Train-the-Trainer
- Hazard Assessment and Control Train-the-Trainer
- Work Site Inspections Train-the-Trainer
- Incident Investigation Train-the-Trainer

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE & AGGRESSION COURSES

- Harassment and Bullying in the Workplace In-service
- Managing Workplace Violence and Aggression
- Mental Health and Wellness In-service



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