

NIEHS WTP Summer 2020 Webinar Series

In conjunction with AIHA and the University of Nebraska Medical Center Ethics Advisory Committee

Webinar 6: Ethics for Safety and Health Professionals (Sponsored by NIEHS and AIHA)

Date: August 26, 2:00 pm Eastern (90 minutes)

This webinar rounds out the summer series. The panel will provide information on opportunities and challenges that we as occupational health and safety professionals experience in our workplaces and industries and how we can effectively apply of the Code of Ethics everyday as safety professionals. We will have discussions on how we manage our own roles during the pandemic and what that means for decisions we make about creating the safest possible environments for workers, managing employer expectations, compliance with federal and state regulations, confidentiality of employee exposure and medical records, and balancing our own health and the roles we have in the community.

Speakers

- Sharon D. Beard, MS, NIEHS Worker Training Program (Moderator)
- Joy Erdman, MS, CSP, CIH, Joy Solutions, LLC (retired US Navy)
- Faye Grimsley, PhD, CIH, FAIHA (AIHA Alice Hamilton Award)
- Bruce Lippy PhD, CIH, CSP, CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training
- Lamont Byrd, MS, CIH, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Webinar details:

Ethics for Safety and Health Professionals (Sponsored by NIEHS and AIHA)

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT

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Past Webinars

Webinar 1: Minimizing Workplace Exposures through Design and Engineering Controls

July 1, 2020, 1:00pm Eastern

This webinar will feature a panel of speakers discussing how occupational exposures to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 can be prevented through building, workplace, and job design using engineering controls such as architectural features, physical barriers, local and general dilution ventilation, directional airflow, ultraviolet radiation, and filtration. Much of the focus on worker protection from SARS CoV-2 has been on the use of PPE and respiratory protection. This session will provide perspective on how the industrial

hygiene hierarchy of controls can be applied in selecting a combination of controls to provide effective protection to workers and thereby reducing reliance on PPE and respirators in non-healthcare and institutional settings.

Speakers

- Lisa Brousseau, ScD - Overview of redesigning workspaces, physical barriers, physical distancing methods, ventilation, airflow, mechanics
- Duane Hammond, MS, PE - NIOSH Prevention through Design; Built Environment
- Jonathan Bach, PE, CIH, CSP, NIOSH division of Science Integration
- Andrew Harte, A359 Partners in Architecture - Considerations during building construction; remodeling
- Brian Sherlock, Transit Union - Airflow and Ventilation in Public Transportation
- Andrew Comai, UAW - Industrial hygiene engineering controls for auto workers

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Webinar 2: Introduction to Ethical Issues around COVID-19 and Work (UNMC)

Date: July 8, 2:00 pm Eastern

This webinar is sponsored by the NIEHS Worker Training Program (WTP), in conjunction with the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) Global Center for Health Security Ethics Advisory Committee

Speakers:

- Matt Wynia, MD, MPH, Chair of the UNMC Global Center for Health Security Ethics Advisory Committee and Director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado
- Kathy Kirkland, DrPH, MPH, Executive Director, Association of Occupational & Environmental Clinics
- David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Professor, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University, and former Assistant Secretary for OSHA

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Webinar 3: Ethical Considerations Regarding Meat Processing Plant Operations, Worker Safety, and Community Welfare.

July 22, 2:00 pm Eastern

This session will explore the ethical considerations regarding meat processing plant operations, worker safety, and community welfare. Hear from professional's in infection prevention and control, union leadership, ethicists, and health disparity experts. The panelists will illustrate the challenges of providing guidance to meat processing plants, as well as discussing the issues workers are facing. The webinar will culminate by examining the strategies and interventions that can most effectively and ethically reduce the risks of outbreaks and protect the people working in these plants.

Speakers:

- Matt Wynia, MD, MPH, University of Colorado, and the UNMC Global Center for Health Security Ethics Advisory Committee Chair
- Jocelyn Herstein, PhD, MPH, Global Center for Health Security, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Athena Ramos, PhD, MBA, MS, CPM, Center for Reducing Health Disparities, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Kelly Dineen, PhD, JD, RN, Creighton University, and the Global Center for Health Security COVID-19 Ethics Advisory Committee
- Seema Mohapatra, MPH, JD, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, UNMC Global Center for Health Security Ethics Advisory Committee Member
- Robyn Robbins, United Food & Commercial Workers

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Webinar 4: Workplace Outbreak Investigation, Contact Tracing and Testing: Intersection between Occupational & Public Health

August 5, 2:00 pm Eastern

This session will explore considerations for performing COVID-19 outbreak investigations, SARS-CoV-2 contact tracing, serum testing, and infection screening. The panelists will provide unique perspectives on the opportunities and challenges with conducting these important public health functions and how they apply today in the workplace. Hear from leaders that are doing it and the experiences, frustrations, and successes they have had.

Speakers:

- Letitia Davis, ScD, Massachusetts Department of Health
- Amy Liebman, MPA, MA, Migrant Clinicians Network
- George DiFerdinando, Jr., MD, MPH, FACP, Chair, Princeton New Jersey Board of Health, Steering Committee; New Jersey Climate Change Alliance; Executive Committee, New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association
- Robert Harrison, MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco, and the California Department of Health
- Christina Armatas, MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco, and the California Department of Health

This webinar is sponsored by the NIEHS Worker Training Program (WTP) and AIHA.

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Webinar 5: Ethical Issues around Contact Tracing/Testing in the Workplace

Date: August 19, 2:00 pm Eastern

There is ample evidence that workers in “essential industries” – from transportation to health care delivery, and from grocery stores to meat processing facilities – are experiencing high rates of COVID-19 infection. And states are continuing to experience rising community transmission, often driven by focal outbreaks in workplaces. One important tool to prevent disease spread is contact tracing. Yet, especially in workplaces, contact tracing must be implemented in ways that are both ethical and effective to best protect workers who are already bearing disproportionate burdens in the pandemic. This session will examine key ethical issues typically associated with contact tracing and the workplace, including the impacts of weak protections for workers and structural factors that leave workers more vulnerable and disadvantaged in the context of contact tracing. The panelists will end with a discussion of how to optimize both the ethics and effectiveness of contact tracing to prevent workplace outbreaks.

Speakers

- Matt Wynia, MD, MPH, Director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado, UNMC Global Center for Health Security Ethics Advisory Committee Chair (Moderator)
- Mark Rothstein, JD, Director of the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law at the University of Louisville School of Medicine
- Seema Mohapatra, JD, MPH, Associate Professor of Law and Dean's Fellow, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, UNMC Global Center for Health Security Ethics Advisory Committee Member

Discussants:

- Lisa M. Lee, PhD, MA, MS, Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation, Director of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance, UNMC Global Center for Health Security Ethics Advisory Committee Member
- Linda Rae Murray MD, MPH, FACP, University of Illinois at Chicago

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