



2020 Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference



From - The Alaska Safety Advisory Council

To - Our supporters of the Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference

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Anchorage Alaska

Dear Supporter of the 39th Annual Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference

We have been watching the emerging issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic very closely. What we are facing is unprecedented, as the nation responds to this threat, adding travel and social distancing to slow the spread of the coronavirus. With the safety of all in mind, and in an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel this year's conference.

All funds contributed to this event as an exhibitor, attendee, and / or sponsor, will be reimbursed. Gonzalez Marketing and the Council stand ready to assist. Details are listed at the bottom of this letter.

As we all adapt to the new realities this situation is creating, please continue to follow the latest guidance from reputable organizations, some links are provided below.

At this time, it is a good reminder to ensure the highest level of Personal Protective Equipment sanitation -- especially if the PPE is used by more than one person.

National Safety Council Webinar in partnership with CDC on March 10 with business tips:

https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/safety-topics/coronavirus?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=84557352&hsenc=p2ANqtz--SOvC6lFk99Uff78xIXaGyIS9e3ZcLwn8GMNDpcko3EztMmOK5wMmfcUf5C2MG1j1LOUIVcMWcIZ1nJutWLxM5E86DVw&hsmi=84557352

Center for Disease Control main site for the virus:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Center for Disease Control – links to each U.S. State Health organization:

<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>

United States Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

We would like to recognize the Egan Convention Center and Carla Churchman for their efforts in support of this Conference. As the concerns escalated, the committee worked closely with the Egan Convention Center, and we developed innovative contingencies to move forward. Their response and willingness to work together were stellar.

What we stand for as a Council, is the Safety of all Alaskans. We stand with you, willing to serve and protect our communities. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you at the conference when we convene again.

Ann Lindsey, CSP, CIT

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Details



Registrants: Full refunds will be provided through Gonzalez Marketing, and these will start automatic processing as of this letter going out. Those having paid by check may reach out to Gonzalez directly at: Jenny Thomasson (907) 562-8640; or email: JennyT@gonzalezmarketing.com

Exhibitors and Sponsors are welcome to a full refund or we ask that you consider applying this sponsorship or exhibitor space to the GSHC when it next convenes, receiving full recognition as a sponsor

Award Recipients – this process will continue for those Companies that submitted an application and met the eligibility requirements. Our Awards committee will be in contact with you directly.

Speakers: We want to recognize all the speakers who submitted to speak at this event – we were overwhelmed with responses. We will reach out to each of you again when we convene to see if you will be able to present at that time. Thank you for your dedication to share knowledge, so we all may learn.

Youth Outreach: We will continue to move forward with our work with the schools at mutually agreed upon schedules. We will not be hosting the Service High School Bio Career Academy (BCA) – Reflections of Innovations – special thanks to Ms. Pillai for your efforts in coordination.

Opening Ceremonies: Special thanks for the willingness of the AFD Pipes and Drums and Honor Guard to present the flags; and our states song. Special thanks to the Service High School Honor Choir who were going to sing the national anthem – we will work together again next time.

Governor Dunleavy: Special thanks to the Governor, who planned to kick off the event demonstrating the importance of safety throughout Alaska.

Alaska GSHC Worker Memorial: in 2019, we lost 54 Alaskans on the job! We lost 31 in 2018. These stories paint the picture of missed opportunities to plan and prevent loss – we must strive to assess the risk and plan out our days and demonstrate care for our fellow workers. In all accidents of significant harm, it's amazing, when you get down to details, what was saved was just a few moments of time – that we cannot get back.

GSHC 2020 Committee: We want to recognize the ASAC Council members and our volunteer committee team members and planners for their outstanding dedication, support and coordination of this event. This was an amazing team that leaped our youth outreach forward and broadened the reach of this state-wide event. Truly purpose led.