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* TECHNICAL TOUR *



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We will be touring iFLY where we will hear our own Jaret Oldfather describe conducting safety in an adventure experience venue

Lunch will be provided, and Central Texas ASSP members can fly for just \$33.74 a person!

RSVP required

iFLY waiver form

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.iflyworld.com%2Fflight-waiver%2F&data=02%7C01%7CMike.Bewley%40austintexas.gov%7C4afe1d6847664a2cb7e408d7bf03abc5%7C5c5e19f6a6ab4b45b1d0be4608a9a67f%7C0%7C0%7C637187894789448761&data=rJC%2F0K%2BmfkL30hbffmDEcrMIGyiyctMqmpPnyDZNss%3D&reserved=0>



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ASSP Central Texas 2020 EHS & Risk Technology Summit
April 14, 2020 @ J.J. Pickle Center
10100 Burnet Rd., Austin, Texas, 78758, United States

<https://centraltexas.assp.org/events/2020-ehs-risk-technology-summit/>

UPCOMING MEETING
DATES

Central Texas Chapter

NEXT Chapter MEETING
Location/Dates:

DPR Construction
310 Comal St.

Building A, Suite 300
Austin, TX 78702

March 23

April 20

May 18

June 15



Registration is now open for the 2020 Region III PDC on August 31 - September 2 at the Marriott Riverwalk located at 889 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX, 78205.

<https://www.regionthreepdc.com/>



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Mom's Purse May Hold Hidden Dangers for Kids

Busy moms and dads routinely stuff their purses and bags with every item their family might need for the day. But that creates a minefield of choking and poisoning hazards for babies and toddlers, pediatricians warn.

A purse, backpack or diaper bag can contain a hodgepodge of medications and supplements, cosmetics, hand sanitizers, candy, coins and other items that attract little hands. That can also set the stage for accidents, sometimes deadly.

"Young children are all inquisitive explorers," said Dr. Eric Owen Tyler, a pediatrician and executive board member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Alabama Chapter. "And mom's purse is like a gold mine."

<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-03-04/moms-purse-may-hold-hidden-dangers-for-kids>

Common Sense on Shielding Yourself From Coronavirus

As the new coronavirus extends its reach, there are steps you can take to protect yourself and your family, experts say.

"As with any respiratory virus, the main recommendations hold true with the novel coronavirus," said Dr. Rachael Lee, a health care epidemiologist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). "Wash your hands, cover your cough with your arm, and stay home if you feel sick."

Also, know when it is and isn't safe to travel. So far the virus, known as COVID-19, has sickened more than 90,000 people and killed more than 3,000, mostly in China.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-03-03/common-sense-on-shielding-yourself-from-coronavirus>



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* D O W N T H E R O A D *

iFly Technical Tour

- March 23, 2020
- 11:00am—1:00pm
- 13265 US-183 A, Austin, TX 78750
- <https://www.iflyworld.com/austin/>

CTC-ASSP Construction Section Meeting

- April 13, 2020
- 11:30am
- Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
- 8868 Research Blvd. Suite 502 Austin, TX 78758

ASSP Central Texas Annual PDC

- April 14, 2020
- 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- J.J. Pickle Center
- 10100 Burnet Rd., Austin, Texas, 78758, US

ASSP Annual PDC and Expo

- June 23-25, 2020
- Orlando FL
- Orange County Convention Center
- Hotel: TBD
- https://safety.assp.org/?_ga=2.144799987.655453571.1575902319-1738299153.1572876867

ASSP Annual Leadership Conference

- October 1-3, 2020
- Chicago IL
- **Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois.**
- <https://www.assp.org/education/conferences/leadership-conference>

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Greetings Central Texas Chapter!

First! In lieu of our regular meeting we will be conducting a technical tour of the iFLY facility here in Austin, on March 23! See attached flyer. This should be fun and you have opportunity to fly for only \$33 and some change, normally it costs over \$100! Please register and to save time fill out the iFLY waiver form. Jaret Oldfather will brief us on the unique safety challenges of an adventure experience venue. (see flyer).

Covid19, (Corona Virus)

The following is my opinion alone and does not constitute the official position of the City of Austin.

In my experience at the Texas Division of Emergency Management I worked closely with the Texas Department of State Health Services, in my role of Plans Unit Supervisor. I participated on the State Level BioWatch committee and observed several public health exercises and co-authored several state public health plans including the Medical Counter Measures plan. I was the Safety Coordinator for the City of Austin Public Health department during the Ebola crisis. This is my take on the current situation for your information based on my experience and study of the journal articles related to this disease.

The Covid 19 virus must be examined in terms of its lethality and its ability to spread. Based on studies out of China this virus has a Case Fatality Rate of 2.3%. That is quite a bit higher than the CFR of the regular flu this season, which as of last Friday, had 16,000 deaths since October 2020, out of 29 million cases of the flu for a CFR of .05%. The transmissivity of the disease is measured by the R0 (pronounced Rought) of the disease, An R0 over one indicates that there will be continued transmission, the R0 of Covid19 has been calculated at 2.3, which means continued transmission, about the same as the ordinary flu.

Both numbers are preliminary and there are multiple factors that could affect the numbers. The CFR was calculated based on the studies done in Hubei Province, China, however the CFR outside Hubei Province has been lower .4. The R0 was calculated from the Diamond Princess population.



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That being said, the studies have indicated two things.

Many people who test positive for Covid19, display no symptoms.

There are case incidents that indicate the virus can be spread by persons who are displaying no symptoms.

Only half of the Diamond Princess population which tested positive for the disease displayed any symptoms.

As opposed to the SARS or the MERS virus, Covid19 has broken containment and the apparent ability of the virus to be transmitted while the host person is asymptomatic indicates it will not be.

Testing as originally conducted by the CDC, was based on travel from Hubei Province and/or being in the same household as someone who had just returned from there. Any other persons were deemed not to meet the criteria and therefore not tested. There was a four day delay in testing for the first flu case in California as that person did not meet the criteria.

My assessment is that the virus has been circulating for some time and that the this virus's particular ability to be spread by asymptomatic persons accounts for the recent cases in California and Washington in which patients became ill without having traveled outside the country nor had contact with anyone who had. It is my assessment also that the disease will spread following a traditional flu model.

I am scheduled to speak this month at the Safety in Action Conference in Nashville, I received word today the conference Will be held, although they have asked sick persons to stay home. I feel that this an appropriate response as long as the handwashing and social distancing techniques (no hand shaking) are observed.

I also feel our Technical Tour and upcoming PDC and regular meetings do not pose any excessive risk as long as we observe the same basic precautions.



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For CDC guidelines:

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

To track Covid19

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>



How to Handrub?

RUB HANDS FOR HAND HYGIENE! WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED

⌚ Duration of the entire procedure: 20-30 seconds



Apply a palmful of the product in a cupped hand, covering all surfaces;



Rub hands palm to palm;



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



Any questions or comments,

Mike.bewley@austintexas.gov

Wash those hands! Mike



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Around the Water Cooler

Construction Practice Section

Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday every other month. For more information, please contact John Brattloff at johnb@whiteconst.com or Todd Smith at todd@slaterpainting.com.

Women in Safety Excellence Section

Interested in joining the WISE common interest group?

For more information about WISE:

Link: <http://www.assp.org/practicespecialties/wise>

Contact: Jennifer Hsu, MPH, CSP ChapterWISEATX@gmail.com

Employment Opportunity Highlights

For employment opportunities go to Central Texas Chapters current job openings at:

<http://centraltexas.assp.org/current-openings/>

or Society's job board at : <http://jobs.assp.org/>

Certification Aids

Chapter has purchased the certification exam preparation software for those who are interested in CSP & ASP exams.

Contact ASSP Officer Robert Box to reserve the CD's

\$300 deposit each

\$50 per month to rent

Remainder will be given back to renter after return

Volunteer Opportunities

Marketing Chair * Awards & Recognition Chair * PDC Committee Member

Interim Student Affairs Support * Construction PDC Booth Staffing



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