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## West Texas AGC News & Resources

### SAFETY TIPS - Workplace Stretching and Warm-up: The Benefits of a Work Readiness System

Instituting a Work Readiness System promotes a health, safety and team culture day in and day out. In other words, the Work Readiness System works hard for you. Every day your team members come to work, they are reminded that you put their health and safety above everything else. You provided them the precious time to prepare their body and mind for work. You care about them and you care for them.



Companies across the U.S. are facing an employee engagement problem. This is partially due to the fact that many employees don't believe the company they work for has their best interest in mind. So let's call them "team members" because they are a part of your team. And let's make sure their bodies and minds are ready for work – after all, taking care of your people is also taking care of your business – and that's priceless.

Just as you benefit from stretching and warm-up exercises in your day-to-day life, companies and their team members both benefit from a Work Readiness program consisting of stretching and warm-up exercises, which helps prevent Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs). [Read more HERE](#)

Today's safety flyers in English and Spanish can assist your Readiness Program.

[Workplace Stretching - English](#)

[Workplace Stretching - Spanish](#)

Be Part of AGC National  
Construction Safety  
Week - September 14 -  
18



Join with AGC of America in planning to participate in this year's National Construction Safety Week, Sept. 14-18. We encourage member firms to get involved in and celebrate our shared commitment to safety with mass safety meetings, equipment demonstrations, job tours, appreciation barbecues and more. Click [here](#) to access and download tools and resources to plan your activities, including tips, best practices and all of the Safety Week branded materials you'll need to support your events and communication. For more information or to find out how you can get involved in the 2020 National Construction Safety Week, please contact AGC of America's Vice President of Public Affairs & Strategic Initiatives, Brian Turmail, at [brian.turmail@agc.org](mailto:brian.turmail@agc.org) or 703-459-0238.

[Safety Week Tools](#)

**\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE at the 2020 West Texas AGC Scholarship Golf Tournament!**

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2020 Hole in One Sponsor



This could be you,  
IF you register to play!  
[Click Button/Register Today](#)

Monday, September 28th

**4 Man Scramble at RAWLS Course - Lubbock Texas  
Box Lunch at Noon | Tee off at 1:30**

**Social Distancing and COVID 19 Good Practices During Tournament**  
*The Golf Tournament is the only fund raiser for the Scholarship Program.*  
*We encourage members from all areas of the West Texas Chapter to participate with sponsorships and put together a team.*  
A great opportunity for you, your employees and others to share an afternoon away from work talking a little about work and tell a lot of stories you have all told before!

Contact Cassie Hughes, [chughes@wtagc.org](mailto:chughes@wtagc.org) or Bryan Walters, [bryan@henthorncommercial.com](mailto:bryan@henthorncommercial.com) with questions or for more information.

[Sponsorship & Golf Registration](#)

**Tarrant County Extends Mask Order Through November 30**

On August 25th, Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley issued an executive order extending the June 25th mandate requiring businesses to post and enforce Health and Safety Policy requiring all employees and visitors to wear masks when in close contact or proximity. This order went into effect immediately and will expire on November 30, 2020. Businesses that do not comply with the extended order will face a fine of up to \$1,000.

[Tarrant County Judge Executive Order](#)

**AGC's Virtual Construction Project Manager Course (PMC)**

**PMC - Project Manager Course offered twice in 2020!**  
**September 21st - 30th (Course is full) | December 7th - 16th (Spots available)**

This interactive program explores the critical areas of project management that seasoned project managers tackle on a daily basis. The course builds on itself, starting with the impact planning has on the overall project and moving on to scheduling, productivity and subcontractor/vendor management as well as legal issues and contract clauses, record-keeping and much more.

[AGC - Project Manager Course Flyer & Registration](#)

**AGC's Project Manager Development Program 2nd Edition (PMDP)  
Offered by Two AGC Texas Chapters to *West Texas AGC* members**

The Austin AGC has partnered with the Austin office of Procore to host the NEW 2nd edition of AGC's Project Manager Development Program (PMDP).

**When:** 8 am to noon CST, each Tues. & Thurs, beginning Oct. 6, 2020 and ending Dec. 9, 2020.

**Where:** This class will be hosted online via Zoom video conferencing.

**Cost:** \$1295 for AGC members or \$1695 for non-members. Fee includes 5 textbooks.

West Texas AGC Members, contact Toni Osberry, tonio@agcaustin.org and receive the member rate.

[Austin AGC \(PMDP\) Flyer](#)

TEXO AGC has partnered with JE Dun to host the NEW 2nd edition of AGC's Project Manager Development Program (PMDP).

**When:** Mornings until noon, start times vary CST, beginning Sept. 30, 2020 and ending Nov. 5, 2020.

**Where:** This class will be hosted online by Procore via Zoom video conferencing.

**Cost:** \$1295 for AGC members or \$1695 for non-members. Fee includes 5 textbooks.  
**Early Bird Price \$950 until September 4th for AGC members**

[Register HERE](#), any questions call TEXO at 972.647.0697

[TEXO AGC \(PMDP\) Flyer](#)

**New West Texas AGC APP**

The WTAGC app designed for your IOS/Apple or Android phone is now ready for your upload and easy access. Find Safety/COVID Resources, OSHA forms, Weekly Newsletters and much more.



Associate Members can be searched by both the category of work and alphabetical listing.

Click the picture and download the app; put it to work for you today!

[iOS/Apple Link](#)

[Android Link](#)

## Dodge, ConstructConnect, ABI Imply Drop in Nonresidential Projects but Housing Starts, Permits Soar

Three private measures of recent and expected nonresidential construction activity were negative in July. In contrast, Census Bureau data signaled a strong rebound in residential starts and permits.

Total construction starts (dollars) fell 7% from June to July at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, Dodge Data & Analytics [reported](#) on Monday. “The decline was due to a significant pullback in the nonbuilding segment, which fell 31% from June to July. Nonresidential building starts rose 3% while residential building starts increased 2%. Year-to-date through seven months, starts were 15% down from the same period in 2019. Nonresidential starts plummeted 25%, nonbuilding starts dropped 20%, and residential starts slipped 4%.” Chief Economist Richard Branch commented, “the gain in nonresidential building starts was entirely due to strength in the Northeast and West regions, with starts in the South Atlantic and South Central regions down sharply during the month. While one month doesn’t constitute a trend, the potential risk to construction from the rising number of COVID cases in these regions is significant.”

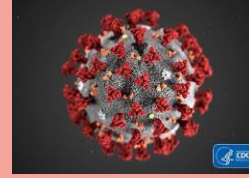
[Read Data Digest Aug 12-20, 2020](#)

## How To Use Qualified Charitable Distributions For Charitable Giving Benefits based on COVID

Each year, millions of Americans make donations to charitable organizations and receive something in return – a tax break. However, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act curbed this tax advantage because it reduced the number of people eligible to claim a charitable deduction by raising the standard deduction. For 2020, the standard deduction is \$12,400 for individuals and \$24,800 for married couples filing jointly. If your list of deductions is not greater than those amounts, there is no tax benefit to itemizing – which means you might not be able to claim your charitable donation. The CARES Act changes the opportunities to deduct charitable giving in 2020. Read more in the full article [here](#).

[COVID-19 Resources and Updates](#)

West Texas AGC and AGC of America update their COVID Resource sites to provide you with current information as it is available. This covers job site guidelines, employees, legislative and other regulatory notices from CDC, OSHA, WHO, etc.



[Visit our website](#)

## Your Membership Pays!

West Texas AGC wants to tell you more about the benefits and discount programs that come with membership. New and expanded programs provide your company a ROI, return on investment, and competitive edge in today's construction environment. Call or email Cassie Hughes, Executive Director at 325.676.7447, [chughes@wtagc.org](mailto:chughes@wtagc.org).

[WTAGC Discount Programs](#)

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*in your specialized field and area of expertise*

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