



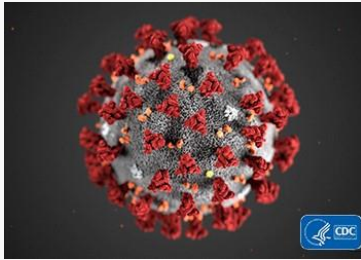
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## West Texas AGC News & Resources

**Safety Tips - As a Construction Worker, How can I protect myself and slow the spread?**



**December 1, 2020:** As of December 15, 2020: In the United States, there have been 16,602,319 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected and 303,482 deaths reported through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands. CDC provides updated [U.S. case information](#) online daily.

*Each person and each company have a responsibility to SLOW the spread of COVID-19. Asymptomatic carriers can cause serious illness and even death to another.*

*This is happening across our cities and our country.*

*To continue as an industry deemed as "essential" workers, it is critical that every member of West Texas AGC have a plan on how to protect their employees developed, implemented and communicated to all employees.*

*Click below for guidance and information & Thank you for keeping others safe!  
Cassie Hughes, Executive Director - West Texas AGC*

[How to Protect Yourself & SLOW the spread!](#)

### 2020 National AGC Safety Awards - NASA

**All West Texas AGC members are encouraged to participate in the 2020 NASA program.**

To begin, complete your OSHA form 300A "Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses" for 2020. From the completed OSHA 300A form, fill out the attached participant form and return to the West Texas AGC Chapter by February 9, 2021. West Texas Chapter AGC will submit your company entry to AGC of America along with other WTAGC Member entries to the 2020 NASA Safety Award Program.

Thank you for participating!

## [NASA Participant Form](#)

### Email changes - How it impact notifications!

As we prepare for 2021, please send company changes to [abilene@wtagc.org](mailto:abilene@wtagc.org). We are verifying our databases and records are current with accurate information for your company: **changes include added or removed employees, email, phone #, address change and point of contact for the chapter. This information also is updated in the online and printed directory!**

*When adding employees to cProject or changing an email address, FIRST contact West Texas AGC at [abilene@wtagc.org](mailto:abilene@wtagc.org). Changes MUST be submitted through the West Texas AGC databases in order for the changes to be activated and a member to receive ITB's and access projects online.*

Note that our mailing address for invoices and correspondence is West Texas Chapter AGC, Inc. 3125 S. 27th St., Suite A, Abilene, TX 79605.

### Welcome to The Hill's annual list of top lobbyists

***Stephen Sandherr, CEO of AGC of America  
is recognized as one of the top lobbyists for Associations in 2020***

2020 was a chaotic year for K Street, with the coronavirus pandemic and lobbying battles for COVID-19 relief legislation consuming much of the year. The presidential and congressional elections also kept lobbyists busy while they tried to find ways to network under the new normal of virtual work.

In a busy and challenging year for the influence world, these are the people who wielded their clout and knowledge most effectively for their clients.



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**Get Ready Employer Health Plans – Vaccines are Coming!**



*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

By the time this article goes to print, it is likely that COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration will be underway in the United States. In late October, the Trump Administration released an interim final regulation (IFR) that, among other things, provided rules from the Internal Revenue

Service (IRS), Department of Labor (DOL), and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that apply directly to employer health plans and govern coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine under employer health plans.

While employers can reasonably expect that group health plan insurers and third-party administrators will bear the lion's share of getting employer health plans ready to cover the vaccine, employers should still be aware of the key provisions of the IFR that are relevant to employer health plan sponsors. Those looking for extra credit can find the full text of the IFR [here](#).

[Article from National Law Review](#)

## House Approves \$8.4 Billion for Military Construction



On Dec. 8, the House passed a compromise National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021 (NDAA). This bill authorizes \$8.4 billion military construction, family housing, and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) cleanup activities. Earlier this year, AGC, along with a coalition of associations, sent Congress a list of [over 130 priorities](#) to consider for the NDAA.

The bill is expected to pass the Senate.

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## New Guidance on PPP Loan Necessity Questionnaire Issued After Weeks of AGC Engagement

The SBA and Treasury Department issued new guidance on the "Loan Necessity Questionnaire" that SBA is requiring borrowers with loans of \$2 million or more to complete.

[Where to Learn More](#)

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