Dear Governor Cuomo,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of AIHA, the nation’s association of occupational health and safety (OHS) science professionals, we encourage your office to review our guidance documents as you consider lifting shelter-in-place orders and re-opening businesses: BackToWorkSafely.org.

This website houses guidance documents for re-opening various types of small businesses that had been deemed non-essential by most states: At-home Services (i.e. plumbers and pest control); Construction; General Office Settings; Gyms and Fitness Facilities; Hair and Nail Salons; Retail Stores; Restaurants; and Rideshare/Limo Drivers.

They include recommendations on ventilation, personal hygiene, physical distancing and enhanced cleaning. In the coming days, we will also be releasing new guidance documents on these businesses: Dental Offices; Small Manufacturing and Warehouses; Daycare Centers and Preschools; Non-retail Stores (i.e. banks, drycleaners and cell phone stores); Bars; Houses of Worship; and Small Entertainment Venues (i.e. Chuck-e-Cheeses, mini-golf).

We are pleased to report that the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has included a link to our site on their Community Mitigation webpage.

These documents were developed by a task force of over a dozen experienced AIHA members -- OHS professionals dedicated to anticipating, recognizing, evaluating and controlling disease in the workplace, and who represent various business sectors: government, private, higher education and consulting.

We hope these prove to be valuable resources for you and your constituents. For any questions, please let me know how we can be of assistance. I can be reached at lsloan@aiha.org or (703) 846-0760. For more information about AIHA and the role of OHS professionals (also known as industrial hygienists), please visit our association’s website: AIHA.org.

In good health,

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