



**MEDIA ALERT:**

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**Occupational Health and Safety (Industrial Hygiene) Experts Comment on Proper Use of PPE and Workplace Health Concerns due to COVID-19**

AIHA (American Industrial Hygiene Association) [www.aiha.org](http://www.aiha.org) occupational health and safety (industrial hygiene) professionals are available to comment on top workplace health and safety concerns, including the proper use of PPE (personal protective equipment), ventilation, and disinfection in response to COVID-19.

As the COVID-19 pandemic reaches across the globe these professionals are working to protect employees in a variety of industries including healthcare. And, as healthcare workers have increasingly limited access to [personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#) and medical supplies, information on risks and prevention are more important than ever to share.

**Who: AIHA Occupational Health and Safety Experts Available for Interviews and Comments related to Proper Use of PPE and Workplace Health Concerns due to Covid-19:**

**Dr. David Krause** is an AIHA member and founder of Healthcare Consulting and Contracting (HC3). Krause is a certified Senior Toxicologist and Certified Industrial Hygienist specializing in public health, occupational hazard assessments, and indoor air quality. He is go-to expert for ventilation and returning to facilities that have been closed for months.

**Jonathan Rosen** is an AIHA member and Principal Consultant for AJ Rosen & Associates LLC, providing occupational safety and industrial hygiene services to labor unions, government agencies, and organizations throughout the U.S. Rosen specializes in respiratory protection, infectious diseases, opioids in the workplace, disaster preparedness and response, workplace violence prevention, and mold and flooding.

**Nicole Greeson, MS, CIH**, is an AIHA member and Occupational Hygiene and Safety Division Director at Duke University | Duke University Health System and serves as the treasurer-elect of the AIHA Board of Directors. Greeson specializes in PPE, disinfection, USP 800/hazardous drugs, healthcare-related IH issues, lab safety issues, and animal care OHS issues.

AIHA member experts are available to be interviewed by phone or via Zoom/Skype and dispel current myths and inaccurate information being communicated about PPE as well as these important workplace safety topics:

- **Understanding the Proper Use of PPE Equipment:** To keep healthcare and essential workers safe from the coronavirus, their PPE needs to fit properly. An IH expert can educate the public

about the proper use of PPE and dispel myths and misinformation. What kind of mask should I wear? What is the difference between a ‘ventilator’ and ‘respirator’? Industrial hygiene professionals are experienced in selecting, fitting, and decontaminating personal protective equipment; measuring and treating indoor air; understanding the pressures these crises have on the mental health of workers.

- **Ventilation and Surface Disinfection:** An AIHA Infection Control and Epidemiology expert can address occupational health and safety questions about ventilation, surface disinfection, respirators, construction issues, occupational health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Sick Buildings and Re-entry Workplace Hazards:** It’s not just about safety now, it’s about prolonged health and safety for occupants. Recovering from COVID-19 Building Closures -- COVID-19 poses a significant challenge for building owners to protect their assets and ensure they are ready to reoccupy once the pandemic subsides. An AIHA Indoor Environmental Quality Committee expert can offer tips on the way businesses, schools, resorts and other facilities that have been deemed “non-essential” during this COVID-19 pandemic could manage risks when they are ready to be reoccupied.

**VISUALS:** B-Roll of IH professional properly fitting PPE, Infographics on Safety Tips and PPE

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AIHA is a professional association for occupational health and safety scientists who are committed to preserving and ensuring health and safety in the workplace and community. Founded in 1939, we support our members with our expertise, network, comprehensive education programs and other products and services that help them maintain the highest professional standards. More than half of AIHA’s nearly 8,500 members are Certified Industrial Hygienists, and many hold other professional designations. AIHA serves as a resource for those employed in the industrial, consulting, academic and government sectors. For more information, please visit [www.aiha.org](http://www.aiha.org).

AIHA also developed a Coronavirus Outbreak Resource Center, which includes a series of free resources for employers and the public including:

- [Recovering from COVID-19 Building Closures](#), [Respirator Fit Testing Specialists](#).
- [Proper use of respirators](#) for health care workers and first responders that illustrates the drastic difference of respirators versus masks.
- [Ventilation, Surface Disinfection and PPE Considerations for the IP and IH webinar](#)