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Greetings from the New Jersey Local Section of the AIHA! I am your new NJ AIHA President for 2022 to 2023, it is an honor to volunteer for and support such a great community of EHS professionals!

This year NJ AIHA is hosting the first all day in person Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference, since 2019. We have a great team of Conference Committee members that are already assembling a fantastic program of speakers and topics. Mark your calendars, this Conference will be Friday December 2, at the Marriott Princeton Forrestal, 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ.

We had our first in person meeting in June since 2019, at a new venue at the Stage House Tavern, 1099 Route 22 in Mountainside, NJ, where Alejandro Ruiz Executive Director of EHS at Rutgers, gave a wonderful speech about all the safety and industrial challenges and surprises he and his staff tackle at NJ's largest University. It was also Scholarship night, where NJ AIHA gave out scholarships to promising new high school and college students of Industrial Hygiene and related fields of study.

In addition, many students registered for the IH Virtual Summer Review course that has 14 sessions given by some of our best local professors and EHS professionals. They ran weekly from June 7 to August 30, and the sessions are recorded for access anytime until the end of 2022. Please view the topics and instructors - It is a great value at \$150, and you can still register for access to the recordings at the following link:

<http://www.njaiha.org/events/njaiha-summer-review-course/>

NJ AIHA runs on the expertise and exceptional work by Volunteers. NJ AIHA is seeking Nominees for Volunteers for the following executive committee positions: President Elect 2023-2024 You can also claim CIH CM points by serving on a local AIHA Section Executive Committee.

Finally, in addition to the in-person December full day conference this year, we plan on having less virtual Speaker meetings, and more in person Dinner Meetings, with 2 speakers per meeting, as we did before 2020, from September 2022 to June 2023. We of course follow all NJ State and CDC Covid Guidelines and Protocol. It is an exciting time to attend these meetings and speeches. We have some openings for potential Speakers if you have an interesting topic or story to tell related to industrial hygiene or workplace health and safety. If you are interested in volunteering for the Executive Committee positions or wish to give a speech at a NJ AIHA Meeting next season, please contact me at the email below.

Thank You and Hope You Had a Great Summer!
Marc Vargas CIH MPH
President, NJ AIHA

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Obtain Knowledge and CIH Maintenance Points through AIHA "eLearning"

NJAIHA has renewed its subscription for the AIHA eLearning program. If you are a NJAIHA member in good standing, you will have access to the designated AIHA eLearning programs at no charge to you. Updates for the NJAIHA roster are made quarterly.

The 2022 package will include 10 contact hours of live webinars or the associated archive recordings and 10 contact hours of selected sessions from the AIHceEXP OnDemand. NJAIHA receives two live connections to the designated webinars. If you are not able to participate in a live webinar, the recordings will be made available online within a few days after the live webinar.

If you would like to use one of the two live connections for an eLearning webinar or to host a group at your location, please contact Barb Woodhull at b2bwoodhull@gmail.com to make your reservation. First come, first served and we will try to allow as many people to take advantage of this opportunity as possible.

Go to <https://www.aiha.org/education/elearning>, and click "View Online Classroom" to get started.

AIHA “eLearning” (cont’d)

Available webinars (as of 1/1/22, access expires on 12/31/2022);

AIHA Webinar Recordings:

- AIHA University Webinar: Adapting Your Ergonomics Program to the Hybrid Work Environment
- AIHA University Webinar: ANSI/ASSP Standards - Impact on OSH Professionals
- AIHA University Webinar: Assessment, Remediation, and Post-Remediation Verification of Mold in Buildings
- Top 10 Imperatives for the AIHA Exposure Risk Management Process Presentation Recording

AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand Recordings:

- All About Leading, Lagging, and Predictive Indicators (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)
- Implementation, Controls, and Outcomes of COVID-Free Protection Zone Model (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)
- Interesting OSHA Health Cases - Facts From the Field, Part 1 (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)
- Interesting OSHA Health Cases - Facts From the Field, Part 2 (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)



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Dual Concentration in Rutgers School of Public Health (SPH) Environmental and Occupational Health and Justice (EOHJ) Department, including Occupational Safety and Health MPH

The MPH concentration in occupational safety and health at Rutgers School of Public Health (SPH) has been approved. This is now one of two concentrations within the Department.

Please note you can go online and see details at:

<http://sph.rutgers.edu/concentrations/Environmental-Occupational-Health/index.html>

A formal application to the program is done through SOPHAS.

<http://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/index.html>

Please select “occupational health” (and not “environmental health”) among choices under Rutgers SPH, listed at: <http://sophas.org/program-finder/?degree=MPH&institution=997>

Admissions requirements, and deadlines for application submission, are posted at SOPHAS and on main Rutgers SPH website. Contacts: Dr. Derek Shendell (shendedg@sph.rutgers.edu) and Dr. Koshy Koshy (koshyko@sph.rutgers.edu)

OUTREACH UPDATE

We are working hard to continue to build momentum in our Outreach Program and we need your help. We have developed materials, both written and visual, that can be used at conferences, job fairs, presentations at high schools and colleges, etc. and we are looking for NJAIHA members to share your passion and story as to why you became an industrial hygienist. If you weren't already planning to attend our monthly meeting next week, please come and join us so we can gather your testimony and a picture (with your approval of course).

Attracting students and young professionals to become industrial hygienists or pursue other disciplines in the environmental, health and safety field is a need recognized by national AIHA and your Executive Committee has taken this challenge on here in New Jersey. For this to be most successful, these students and young professionals will benefit immensely by being able to connect with you who are actively protecting the health of our workforce.

Please plan on joining us!

Now that Marc Vargas is President, NJAIHA is also seeking excellent candidates for a new Outreach Coordinator. Please address nominations or questions to

info@njaiha.org.

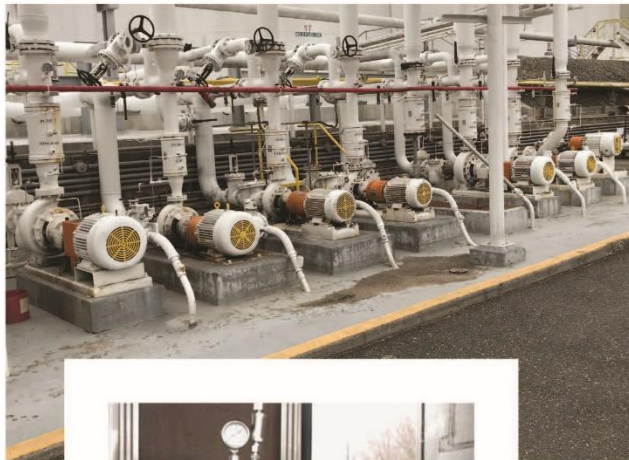
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Rob Reinhardt	1/2022
Valorie Richards	4/20/22
Kevin Seise	4/28/22
Richard Lynch	6/9/22
Amy Ryan	4/2022
Jennifer Dawson	4/2022
Hua Yao	4/2022
Soraya Selamie	4/2022
Christopher Cicerale	4/2022
Tia Shaikh	7/15/22
Ching Yi Tsai	8/2/2022



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Publications Director's Note

Although OSHA's COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for large employers has been stayed [after court decisions finding that the agency exceeded its rulemaking authority](#), OSHA continues to work on a standard that it hopes will pass legal muster;

Statement on the Status of the OSHA COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS

January 25, 2022

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is withdrawing the vaccination and testing emergency temporary standard issued on Nov. 5, 2021, to protect unvaccinated employees of large employers with 100 or more employees from workplace exposure to coronavirus. The withdrawal is effective January 26, 2022.

Although OSHA is withdrawing the vaccination and testing ETS as an enforceable emergency temporary standard, the agency is not withdrawing the ETS as a proposed rule. The agency is prioritizing its resources to focus on finalizing a permanent COVID-19 Healthcare Standard.

OSHA strongly encourages vaccination of workers against the continuing dangers posed by COVID-19 in the workplace.

AIHA National continues to update their new website collecting COVID-19 reopening information. It's been endorsed by several high-profile personalities and organizations for its timeliness and scope;

<https://www.backtoworksafely.org/>

CDC guidance on responding to COVID-19 in the workplace continues to evolve, check often for updates;

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc&Audience=General%20Public%20%3E%20Employers%20C%20Business%20Owners%20%26%20Community%20Leaders>

A recent paper in PLOS-ONE shows the state of thinking outside of the Industrial Hygiene profession regarding surgical masks and COVID-19;

“Rubber bands, a low-cost and easily-accessible modification, can improve the seal and protective ability of a standard surgical mask to the level of an N95 respirator. This could mitigate N95 respirator shortages worldwide and provide individuals in under-resourced regions a practical means for increased personal respiratory protection.”

The article is here.

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0272834>

With the focus turning away from COVID-19 at the federal and state level, OSHA is launching a major initiative aimed at reducing worker injuries and illnesses in warehouses and other storage and distribution facilities. The astonishing growth in size and number of facilities tied to online shopping, particularly in our region, and the significant increase in employment in the sector has drawn attention from many quarters to “do something” about injuries and illnesses.

US Department of Labor launches 5-year initiative in Mid-Atlantic states to reduce worker injuries, illnesses in warehousing, storage, distribution yards

PHILADELPHIA – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration recently launched a regional initiative in three Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia in an effort to protect workers and reduce injuries and illnesses in the warehousing, storage and distribution yards' industries.

OSHA's Regional Emphasis Program for Warehousing Operation focuses on industry employers in Pennsylvania, Delaware, the District of Columbia and West Virginia.

"With the rapid growth of e-commerce, the warehousing industry has significantly expanded. This emphasis program will address hazardous conditions these workers continuously face every day," explained OSHA Regional Administrator Michael Rivera in Philadelphia. "Through coordinated outreach, education efforts and on-site inspections, OSHA is determined to identify hazardous workplace conditions and hold industry employers accountable for providing a safe and healthful workplace."

The initiative follows a Bureau of Labor Statistics' 2020 finding that the warehousing and storage industry's injury rate of 4.8 per 100 workers is higher than the U.S. average of 2.7 per 100 rate among all private industries. In addition, from 2017 to 2020, BLS reported 93 work-related fatalities nationally in the industry.

OSHA's emphasis program began on Aug. 3, 2022, with a three-month period of outreach aimed at education and prevention. During this time, agency representatives will share safety and health information with employers, trade associations, workers and other stakeholders. OSHA encourages employers to review operations at their warehousing, storage and distribution facilities before the program's second phase, focused on ensuring compliance with federal safety and health standards.

In fall 2022, OSHA will begin targeted enforcement, incorporating on-site inspections to identify safety and health hazards, including those typically found in the warehousing industry. These include those related to the use of powered industrial trucks, such as forklifts, lockout/tagout procedures, machine guarding, means of egress, and fire suppression. Inspections will not include marine terminals or shipyards.

The emphasis program ends Aug. 3, 2027, unless extended. The program supplements the work of OSHA's area offices as they continue to open inspections in response to complaints, hospitalizations and fatalities.

Release Number: 22-1669-PHI

Link Here: <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/region3/08172022>

We Need You!

NJAIHA Members are encouraged to submit items for publication in "The Examiner". Interesting items related to Industrial Hygiene, outreach activities, (non-proprietary) things from your work in the field, papers, presentations, and posters from conferences, everyday examples of the importance and power of a healthy environment, or anything you're passionate about in our field that might be of interest to our members. Make it good, make it uplifting, make it valuable, and make my job easier!

NIOSH Develops National Firefighter Registry

Fighting fires is a dangerous profession, and the danger goes beyond the hazards of running into a burning building. Numerous studies show that firefighters' exposure on the fireground, where smoke and hazardous chemicals are released from burning materials, may increase their risk of cancer and other chronic diseases. While the association between firefighting and disease seems clear, more information about these health risks is needed especially with regard to the higher risk of cancer among firefighters.



To better understand the link between on-the-job exposure to toxicants and cancer, Congress mandated, through the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018, that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) create the National Firefighter Registry (NFR). The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is leading the effort to create this voluntary registry of firefighters, with input from the scientific and firefighting communities.

The NFR will be used to track and analyze cancer trends and risk factors among the U.S. fire service to help the public safety community, researchers, scientists and medical professionals find better ways to protect those who protect our communities and environment. All firefighters, structural and wildland, career and volunteer, active and retired, should consider participating in the NFR. This includes firefighters who have never received a cancer diagnosis, previously had cancer, or currently have cancer.

NIOSH is developing an online NFR enrollment system. If you know of an individual or individuals who might qualify for the NFR and would be interested in enrolling in it, please pass this notice along and have them access two NFR information documents at NFR Pamphlet and NFR Fact Sheet, and have them access the National Firefighter Registry Page on NIOSH's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/registry.html>



SAVE THE DATE

2022 Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (NEIHce)

**Friday
December 2, 2022**

**Princeton Marriott at Forrestal
100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ**

<http://www.njaiha.org/event/2022-neihce/>

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September 2022 –In-Person Meeting

DATE: September 15, 2022 @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PLACE: The Stage House Tavern
1099 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092

AGENDA:

3:30 p.m. AIHA, NJ Section, Inc. - Executive Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. Registration/Networking/Cash Bar

5:45 p.m. Before-Dinner Session:

Topic: “A Personal Journey with Allergens and an Interesting OSHA Veterinary Hospital Case”

Speaker: Marc A. Vargas, CIH, MPH, President, NJ AIHA

6:30 p.m. Dinner – \$40.

Students and unemployed NJAIHA members are free (Subsidized 100% for Dinner Meetings)

7:15 p.m. After-Dinner Session:

Topic: “Challenges in CIH Consulting “

Speaker: Reagan Branch, MPH, CSP, CIH,

Construction Site Safety Manager, Chief Consultant and President of Pyramid Safety and Health Solutions, New York, NY.

Please RSVP / register by **Monday, Sept 12, 2022** by calling or emailing Ronnie Tutty at 973-300-0144 or njaiha@ptd.net, or register online at:

<http://www.njaiha.org/event/sept-2022-dinner-meeting/>

NJAIHA Members in the News

NJAIHA Activities with Pictures Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



(alas, due to COVID-19, "screenshots" now instead of "pictures/photos")

April 2022 NJAIHA Meeting - Past Presidents' "Night" (Virtual) - 4/21/22

The New Jersey Section AIHA (NJAIHA) held their annual Past Presidents' "Night" on April 21, 2022. As with last year, it again was a "virtual" affair. Among NJAIHA members and others joining together for the "night" were fourteen Section Past Presidents whose terms dated as far back as 1982-83. Welcome back, all Past Presidents! Here's a screenshot of those in attendance.




NJAIHA Past Presidents' Night - April 21, 2022


Left to right (period in office): Top Row - Craig Doolittle (2017-18), Tim Rice (1989-90), Wes Van Pelt (1982-83), Pat Mulrooney (2002-03), Bernie Fontaine, Jr. (2016-17); Middle Row - Dave Woody (1988-89), Jill Asch (2009-10), Gary Schwartz (1997-98), Scott VanEtten (2019-2020), Joe Kapp (2008-09) Bottom Row - Dan Preisler (2020-21), Jack Glass (2001-02), Patti Johnson (2011-12), George Andersen (1995-96)

April 2022 NJAIHA Meeting - Past Presidents' "Night" (Virtual) - 4/21/22 (continued)

Some IH Related Issues for Chemicals Used in Construction

- Physical form
- Use/application
- Exposure scenarios and routes into worker
- Toxicity
 - Inhalation/dermal
 - Acute/chronic
- Exposure limits for different exposure routes
- Consequences of over-exposure
 - Warning properties
 - Sensitizer
 - Lachrymator
- Monitoring strategies
- Worker protection strategies





Our technical speaker for the meeting was **Craig Doolittle**, PE, CSP, Team Leader at TRC Companies, Inc., and two-time NJAIHA President.

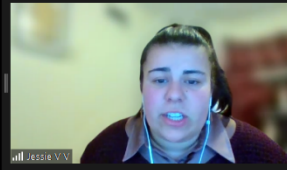
(left) Craig reviews IH related issues for chemicals used in construction during his presentation, *"Industrial Hygiene Concerns During Construction"*. In his talk, Craig covered the need to address industrial hygiene hazards in construction project management and provided real world insight into the constantly changing environment of industrial hygiene during construction safety and health oversight. .

Thank you Craig from all at NJAIHA for sharing with us an excellent and extremely informative presentation.

March 2022 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Meeting (Virtual) - 3/17/22

Emerging Studies and Standards

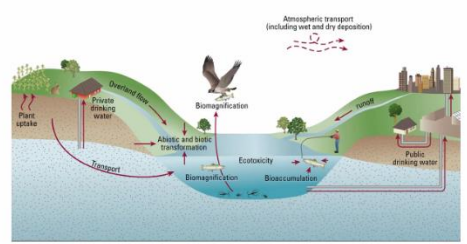
- Federal Aviation Administration Research:
 - PFAS during emergencies
 - New technologies reduce PFAS Discharge
 - Find PFAS free fire fighting foam alternatives
- NIOSH Research:
 - PFAS exposures among career firefighters
 - PFAS levels in gear
 - Potential alternatives
 - 40 active academic research projects to date
- Environmental Agency Actions
 - Federal
 - States
- Environmental Liability Concerns




On March 17, 2022 NJAIHA held our annual meeting, this year virtually, with the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professional (NJASSP) and the Mid-Atlantic Biological Safety Association (MABSA).

Our first technical talk, *"Introduction to PFAS: Health and Safety, Environmental, Anticipating Future Actions"* was jointly given by **Jessica Vallee-Vasquez**, Risk Control Specialist, Sompro Global Risk Solutions (left, top) and by **Eugene P. Wingert**, CHMM, ERM, VP and Environmental Risk Specialist, Sompro Global Risk Solutions (left, middle).

Fate, Transport, and Exposure Mechanisms



Source: USGS



Our speakers gave an enlightening talk and orientation on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which have grown exponentially over the past decade resulting in a push for new studies around risks, exposures and remediation legislation

Thank you, Jessica and Eugene, for taking time out of your schedule to provide us with knowledge of this emerging hazard in the workplace, in every day products, as well as in the environment.

March 2022 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Meeting (Virtual) - 3/17/22 (continued)

COVID ETS Elements Continued

- 1910.502(q)(2)(ii) / 502(q)(3)(ii-iv)
 - COVID Log
- 1910.502(r)
 - Report all COVID related fatalities and hospitalizations to OSHA as in 1904.39
- OSHA is working on a permanent infectious disease standard – Stay tuned....

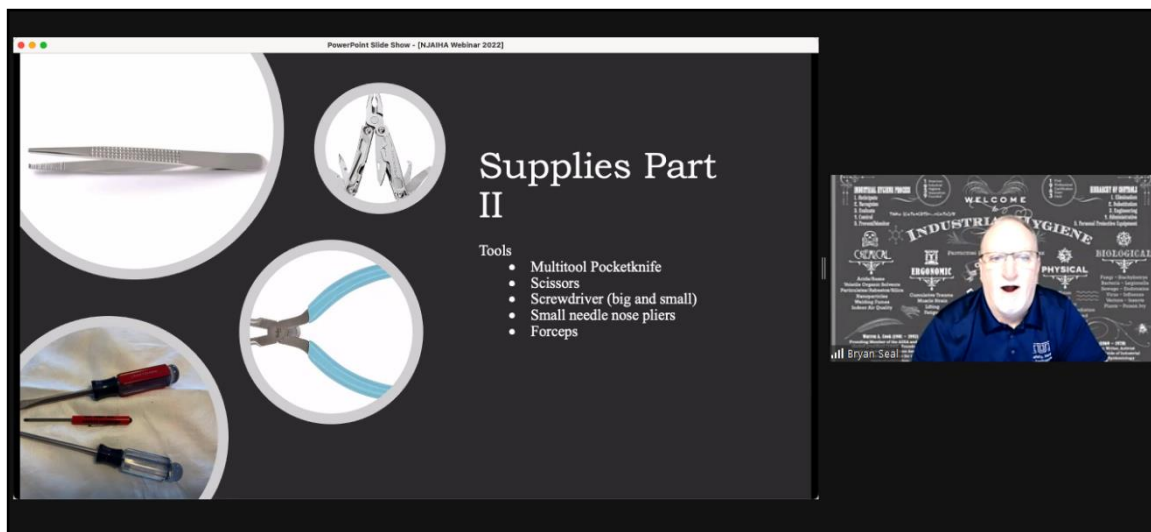


(left, bottom) Our final technical speaker for the meeting was **Justin Baker**, Chief, NJ DOL Division of Public Safety and Occupational Safety and Health.

Mr. Baker's talk, "*OSHA Update for Healthcare*" provided attendees with, among other things, the latest status of OSHA's COVID-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), a review of those provisions of the ETS remaining in effect, and a discussion of OSHA citations issued relative to COVID-19.

Thank you, Justin, for joining us for our March meeting to bring attendees up to date with current OSHA regulatory and enforcement activity related to COVID-19.

February 2022 NJAIHA Meeting (Virtual) - 2/24/22



On Thursday, 2/24/22, NJAIHA held a virtual meeting with **Bryan Seal**, PHD, CIH, CSP, CHMM, REHS, serving as our technical speaker (above). Dr. Seal, currently an Assistant Professor in the Safety Sciences Department of Indiana University of PA, gave a very practical talk, "*Importance of a Basic IH Field Kit*", for industrial hygienists where he discussed the importance of having an Industrial Hygiene Field Kit. Brian inventoried what supplies, tools and essential monitoring equipment should be in such a Kit and reviewed what rotating equipment an industrial hygienist should include in the Kit depending on the type of site survey being performed.

During the talk, he introduced what an industrial hygienist's "Go Bag" is and summarized what essential items always belong in it, and highlighted what specialty items may be needed on a survey and whether it made sense to buy or rent them.

It should be noted that an earlier version of this presentation was given by Dr. Seal in collaboration with RAECO Rents of Gurnee, IL. And in fact, **Randy Walkowiak** of RAECO Rents co-introduced Dr. Seal along with **Brian Feury**, NJAIHA President.

Thank you, Bryan and Randy, for being participants and sharing your time at our February 2022 NJAIHA meeting!

NJAIHA Confers 2022 Student Scholarships

A traditional event which takes place during our annual year-end June dinner meeting is the presentation of scholarships to deserving and qualifying students who have demonstrated scholastic excellence in the study and promotion of environmental health and safety/industrial hygiene at the collegiate undergraduate or graduate levels. And, for the past few years, our scholarship program has been opened to high school senior year level students with some experience in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics)-oriented educational curriculum, and who have expressed an interest in pursuing a STEM-based curriculum, or preferably an IH/occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS)-based curriculum at the collegiate level.

A piece of good news....on June 2, 2022 we were fortunate to be able to go back to bestowing our scholarships **in person** at our year-end dinner meeting held live at a new venue for us, the Stage House Tavern in Mountainside, NJ. This year your NJAIHA Executive Committee was able to approve the awarding of student scholarships to four deserving students to the total of **\$5,000!**

The NJAIHA Student Scholarship awardees for 2022 were as follows:

- The *Raymond Manganelli Scholarship* to **George Hseeh**, Rutgers RWJ Medical School (photo below left)
- The *Brian M. Sylvester Memorial Scholarship* to **Katelyn Steenvoorden**, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- A *President's Scholarship* to **Ingrid Colleoni**, Middlesex College (photo below right)
- A *President's Scholarship* to **Christopher Meehan**, West Morris Central High School

Congratulations to George, Katelyn, Ingrid, and Christopher from everyone at NJAIHA!

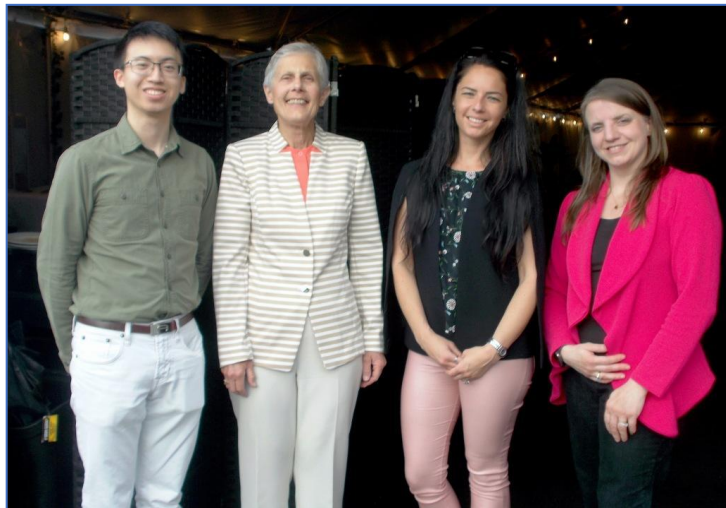


George Hseeh, Rutgers RWJ Medical School, receives the *Raymond Manganelli Scholarship* from **Dr. Gail Becker**, Professor, Department of Natural Sciences, Middlesex College, as **Candice Kowalewski**, NJAIHA Director of Membership Services, looks on.



Ingrid Colleoni, Middlesex College, receives a *President's Scholarship* from **Brian Feury**, outgoing NJAIHA President. **Note:** *Katelyn Steenvoorden and Christopher Meehan were unable to be with us for the in person awarding of the scholarships.*

NJAIHA Confers 2022 Student Scholarships (continued)



(left to right) George Hseeh, recipient of the *Raymond Manganelli Scholarship*; Dr. Gail Becker, Professor, Department of Natural Sciences, Middlesex College; Ingrid Colleoni, recipient of a *President's Scholarship*; and Candice Kowalewski, NJAIHA Director of Membership Services.

Job Postings and Website Links

There are many job postings on our web site. If you are looking or just curious check them out.

<http://www.njaiha.org/resources/job-postings/>

There are several job postings on these other organization web sites as well:

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

<http://www.philaaiha.com/Employment.htm>

AIHA Legislative Connection

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Visit NJAIHA On-line

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State & Federal Government Relations Update:

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Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Lifting Routine COVID-19 Testing Requirements for School Districts, Child Care Settings, and State Contractors

TRENTON – Following recent updates to COVID-19 guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in advance of the upcoming school year, Governor Phil Murphy today signed an executive order lifting the requirement that school districts, child care settings, and state contractors maintain a policy requiring their unvaccinated workers undergo routine testing. The change will apply to school districts and child care settings immediately, and to state contractors as of September 1, 2022.

As of June 17, 2022, anyone aged 6 months or older is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, more than 18.4 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in New Jersey, with more than 1.9 million doses having been administered to children under the age of 18.

“Today’s executive order follows guidance from public health officials at the CDC regarding responsible steps states can take as we continue to adjust to the endemic reality of COVID-19,” said Governor Murphy. “With children as young as 6 months old now eligible for vaccines and millions of New Jerseyans vaccinated and boosted, more of our residents are safe from severe illness due to COVID-19. As always, I encourage everyone to stay up-to-date on their vaccination and take other precautions as necessary to protect themselves and their loved ones from this virus.”

This executive order lifts the testing requirements put into place for school districts, child care settings, and state contractors via previous executive order numbers 253, 264, and 271, respectively. Nothing in today’s order prevents these settings from maintaining a vaccination or testing policy as they see fit going forward.

Schools and child care facilities will still be required to report vaccination and testing data to the Department of Health, as per Executive Directive No. 21-011, to allow the State to continue to monitor COVID-19 and make data-driven decisions to keep residents safe.

Covered workers in congregate care, health care, and correctional facility settings will still be required to be up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccinations, including the first booster dose, as per prior executive orders.

Separate of today's executive order, the New Jersey state employee testing program will also come to an end on September 1, 2022.

For a copy of Executive Order No. 302, [click here](#).

Vaccination Details

For New Jersey's vaccine requirements for health care facilities and high-risk congregate settings, workers are considered "up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations" if they have received a primary series which consists of either a 2-dose series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine or a single dose COVID-19 vaccine, and the first booster dose for which they are eligible. It is recommended, but not required, that workers receive any additional booster doses for which they are eligible under CDC recommendations.

Workers can show proof of full vaccination by presenting:

the CDC COVID-19 vaccination card issued at the vaccination site, or an electronic or physical copy;

the official record from the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJISS) or other immunization register;

a record from a health care provider's portal or medical record system on official letterhead signed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistance, registered nurse, or pharmacist;

a military immunization or health record from the United States Armed Forces; or

Docket mobile phone application record or any state-specific application that produces a digital health record.

Source: Executive Order No. 252; Executive Order No. 253; Executive Order No. 264; Executive Order No. 271; Executive Order No. 283; Executive Order No. 290; Executive Order No. 302

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/slowing-the-spread/where-is-vaccination-or-testing-required-for-workers-in-new-jersey>

Federal:

Everyone loves attending meetings - here are two you definitely don't want to miss:

OSHA's National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) and NACOSH Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Work Group will meet in September. Note that these are separate meetings.

The Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Work Group will meet on September 12.

NACOSH will meet on September 13.

Public attendance is virtual, and at this point, the log/call-in information has not yet been announced. Keep an eye on this website for more info: <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/nacosh>

You can also see the Federal Register notice, which contains a bit more info at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/08/10/2022-17121/national-advisory-committee-on-occupational-safety-and-health-nacosh-notice-of-meeting>

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