State of COVID-19 Response and Future World of Work Summit

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In the months since the world was turned on its head, experts at the National Safety Council and its member and partner organizations have not only been responding to the COVID-19 pandemic with guidance, tools and solutions – they have been carefully monitoring and understanding the implications of our collective efforts to keep Americans safe and healthy.

The State of COVID-19 Response and Future World of Work Summit, presented by SAFER at the National Safety Council, will focus on the implications of our national response to the COVID-19 pandemic today and in the future.

Aimed at helping businesses, policymakers and leaders take stock of where we stand and where we’re headed, this Summit will explore topics including the efficacy of states’ shelter-in-place orders, employers’ response to this century’s biggest threat to workplace safety and the future of world of work beyond the crisis.

NSC has also released new reports addressing these topics that share insights and actionable data to help chart our course ahead.

This Summit will feature candid discussions with operations and safety leaders, government officials as well as workplace, medical, and mental health experts and influencers – all of whom will share compelling reflections and analysis of their experiences over the last nine months. More importantly, the Summit will offer solutions for working together to keep workplaces safer across the country.
Welcome Remarks
Lorraine Martin
President & CEO
National Safety Council

As we settle in, NSC President & CEO Lorraine Martin will share how NSC has met the challenge of the past year and how we aim to help safety and health professionals and leaders in the future.

Reflections and Lessons Learned in Our Pandemic Year
Dr. Abdul El-Sayed
Author, Healing Politics
Former Public Health Commissioner of Detroit

To start our day in earnest, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed will share historical, political and social insight into how we got here, and what it means for our health: not only as people, but as a nation. Covering everything from superbugs to the loneliness epidemic and the opioid crisis, Dr. El-Sayed will offer a timely, troubling, yet ultimately hopeful look at the past, present and future of not only the pandemic, but public health and safety in America.

Break

The State of the States Insights and Discussion Panel
Our first topical session of the day will focus on the state-level response to COVID-19, covering a wide swath of themes from employer guidelines to testing and tracing to "echo" spikes in mental health, transportation and impairment.

In our insights section, NSC will deliver key findings from the State of Response report series. In our discussion panel, state business and public health leaders, alongside experts who have examined national response strategy, will unpack how we move forward.

Insights
Tara Leystra
State Government Affairs Manager
National Safety Council

Discussion Panel
Gene Barr Justin DeWitt
President & CEO Chief of Staff
PA Chamber of Business & Industry IL Dept. of Public Health
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Mara Aspinall  
Professor of Practice,  
Arizona State University

10:55 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.  
Break

11:05 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Employer Response Survey Insights and Discussion Panel
Our second topical session moves from state to employer-level response to the pandemic, which has clearly varied widely across the nation dependent on industry sector, risk profile and location.

In our insights section, NSC partners will deliver key findings from our National Employer Survey. In our discussion panel, executives and safety and crisis leaders will candidly share what’s worked, what hasn’t and the innovations they’ve made to address COVID-19 risk in their organizations.

Insights
Dr. Anthony Washburn  
Research Methodologist  
NORC at the University of Chicago

Justin Rodriguez  
Partner  
Boston Consulting Group

Dan Kahn  
Partner  
Boston Consulting Group

Discussion Panel
Michelle Garner-Janna  
Executive Director, Corporate Health, Safety & Environment  
Cummins Inc.

Mary Draves  
VP and Chief Sustainability Officer  
Dow

David O’Connor  
Vice President, Global Security/Real Estate  
Thermo Fisher Scientific

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch and Relaxation
Enjoy relaxing music and conversation in our ongoing chat room, or simply catch up on family or work time.

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
How Do We Prevent the Next Global Pandemic?
Dr. Jonathan Quick  
Managing Director, Pandemic Response  
The Rockefeller Foundation

Mara Aspinall  
Professor of Practice  
Arizona State University
As we return from lunch, Dr. Jonathan ("Jono") Quick will pose a question that has never been more compelling or relevant – how do we prevent the next global pandemic? In 2018, Dr. Quick quite literally wrote the book – *The End of Epidemics* – on this topic following the 2014 Ebola outbreak. Analyzing global and local efforts to contain influenza, AIDS, SARS and Ebola, our speakers will share his insights on the actions needed to end epidemics before they begin.

1:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.  
**Future World of Work Insights and Discussion Panel**
Our final topical session takes us from hindsight to foresight, examining how our world of work has changed and will continue to evolve in the short and long term.

In our insights section, NSC will deliver key findings from our [Future World of Work study](#) and highlight key issues such as psychological safety and technology. In our discussion panel, safety thought leaders and executives will share their vision for the new normal and how we all must adapt to meet emerging challenges.

**Insights**
Rachael Cooper  
Senior Program Manager, Impairment & Emerging Issues  
National Safety Council  

Emily Whitcomb  
Director, Work to Zero  
National Safety Council

**Discussion Panel**
Dr. Anthony Washburn  
Research Methodologist  
NORC at the University of Chicago

Dr. Keita Franklin  
Chief Clinical Officer  
Loyal Source Government Services

Catherine West  
Director Global Safety & Health  
Jacobs Engineering

2:50 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.  
**Break**

2:55 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.  
**Adaptation and Evolution in the Future of Work**
Hannah Ubl  
Communication and Culture Expert  
Co-founder, Good Company Consulting
As we consider our key learnings from the day, Hannah Ubl joins us to share what she’s learned across hundreds of presentations and thousands of interviews across a wide span of industries, nationally and globally. Hannah’s focus on building the workforce of the future through connection, collaboration and communication has never been more timely than today. Learn how to build a workplace that “doesn’t suck,” connect across generations and adapt to a new leadership mindset.

3:25 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks
Lorraine Martin
President & CEO
National Safety Council

After an energizing and day of discussion, Lorraine Martin, will share final thoughts for us to take away.