



Calendar

Next Board Meeting

June 16, 2020

Upcoming Meetings

May 7, 2020
Training & Risk Management Committee

May 13, 2020
Membership Relations Committee

May 20, 2020
Coverage, Claims & Litigation Committee

May 27, 2020
Administration & Finance Committee

June 2, 2020
Executive Board

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IRMA Provides Resources and Advice: COVID-19

IRMA staff and members have been busy during this unprecedented time. Starting with our COVID-19 webinar for first responders on March 17, IRMA has provided members with important information. We had almost 140 participants at the webinar. We also hosted 3 zoom meetings where we discussed liability considerations as our police departments face questions related to enforcement of the Governor’s Executive Order. Approximately 75 people joined these zoom meetings. We have kept the membership apprised of rule changes by the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission, updates by the IDPH, OSHA and the CDC. Visit our [website](#) for details.

Consider Using Positive Pay to Safeguard Your Payments

By: Rita Boserup, Finance Director at IRMA

One of the strongest defenses available to prevent check fraud is Positive Pay. It enables you to monitor and control the checks presented against your accounts so that only authorized items are paid. [Read more...](#)



Another Subrogation Win for IRMA

By: Margie Zarcone, Supervisor, Liability Claim Operations at IRMA

Faith Styles, IRMA Subrogation Representative, scored a big win on a subrogation claim for the Village of Palos Park. The claim arose when a driver, insured by Geico Insurance, rear-ended another vehicle causing that vehicle to enter oncoming traffic and strike the Village’s vehicle. [Read more...](#)

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Upcoming Trainings

All trainings through May 14th are cancelled due to COVID-19

May 7, 2020

[OSHA 10-Hour](#)
(Cancelled)

May 8, 2020

[OSHA 10-Hour](#)
(Cancelled)

May 12, 2020

[Trench Excavation Compliance](#)
(Cancelled)

May 13, 2020

[Confined Space Compliance](#)
(Cancelled)

May 14, 2020

[Mental Health First Aid](#)
(Cancelled)

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IRMA Staff Donate Time and Money During COVID-19 Pandemic

By: Frankie Giannetti, Loss Control Manager at IRMA.

IRMA's Social Committee hosted a virtual fundraiser to purchase supplies for the Hinsdale Humane Society. Thanks to the efforts of Gilma Nunez, Cecilia Sierra, Frankie Giannetti, and Jennifer Swahlstedt, staff raised \$250 to purchase food and supplies for the animal shelter. [Read more...](#)

Jenny's Back!



Director of Risk Management and Training, Jennifer Swahlstedt has returned from maternity leave. You can reach her with any questions at jennifers@irmarisk.org.



Decontamination of Qualitative fit testing (QLFT) and Fit Testing Equipment

By: Dennis Terpin, Doug Varner, Ken Allison, and Phil Hudspeth

When we fit test, we are verifying a specific manufacture, make, model, style and size of a respirator on a specific face. You only get one chance. A respirator can't protect you if it doesn't fit your face. It's that simple. [Read more...](#)

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Alternate Respiratory Protection for Healthcare and First Responders - Filtering Facepiece and Elastomeric Respirators © 2020

By: Dennis Terpin, Doug Varner, Ken Allison, John Lowry and Phil Hudspeth

If have been viewing respirator posts and viewing the pictures there some major issues with respirator use on-line. [Read more...](#)



IRMA Guidance Regarding Face Coverings and Temperature Taking for Employees

By: Frankie Giannetti, Loss Control Manager at IRMA

Recent updates by the CDC have broadened the use of non-medical face coverings to reduce the spread of droplets being expelled via coughs or sneezes. The CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. [Read more...](#)

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Updated CDC Guidance for Critical Employees Suspected or Confirmed Exposed to COVID-19

By: Frankie Giannetti, Loss Control Manager at IRMA

The CDC has updated its recommendations for certain critical employees to continue working even if they have a known or suspected exposure to a COVID-19 positive case. [Read more...](#)

Guidance on Reporting COVID-19 to ILOSHA and Avoiding Violations During Pandemic

By: Frankie Giannetti, Loss Control Manager at IRMA

OSHA has recently published two interim guidance documents for employers and its enforcement officers in response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. OSHA's standard guidance to its enforcement officers' outlines protocols to investigate complaints, referrals, and employer-reported fatalities and hospitalizations to mitigate hazards and protect employees. [Read more...](#)

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Binder Lift Patient Isolation Cell for COVID-19 Response

Binder Lift has extended special pricing to IRMA members for the [Containment Stretcher](#). This unique product is intended to help minimize employee exposure to COVID-19. Mention that you are an IRMA member when ordering through a Binder Lift sales representative to receive a \$250 discount per unit purchased. This discount is exclusive to IRMA members.

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COVID-19 Videos

While it's normal to feel anxiety when faced with uncertainty, you can take action to reduce your anxiety and fear. You can access the COVID-19 playlist on the [IRMA website](#). After completing the video please fill out the [Video Streaming Evaluation form](#).



Safety Toolbox

- BLR – [Employee Newsletter – April 2020](#)
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