



SAFETY

Nebraska Building Chapter

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The Nebraska Building Chapter office will be closed for the Holidays from
December 24, 2020 to January 4, 2021.

We wish you and yours a Very Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

OUR Safety MISSION: Help each other enforce safety rules to ensure that every person on construction site goes home safe and healthy at end of the workday.

Calendar of Events – [Learn more](#)

[Supervisory Training Program--Risk Management and Problem Solving](#)
1/03/2021--1/30/2021

[Construction Industry -- 2021 Economic Outlook](#)
1/27/2021 | 7:45 am-9:15 am | Virtual Event

[Supervisory Training Program--Improving Productivity and Managing Project Cost](#)
1/31/2021--2/27/2021

[Supervisory Training Program--Planning and Scheduling](#)
2/28/2021--4/3/2021

How the Coronavirus Is Bringing the Future, Faster

Stephen E. Sandheer, AGC CEO

One of the clear impacts of the coronavirus pandemic is the acceleration of a host of innovations that were already underway within the construction industry and our association. To be clear, there is nothing positive about the coronavirus pandemic and its tragic consequences. But the virus is forcing all of us to adopt new ways to successfully build projects and run your association sooner than most of us had previously anticipated.

The construction industry was already beginning to adopt a host of innovative new technologies and techniques before the pandemic hit in the early spring. The biggest challenge to innovation prior to the coronavirus was being able to justify the costs, and risks, of adoption compared to vague promises of greater efficiency. COVID changed that calculus as many firms realized that the only way they would be able to build safely was by accelerating their adoption of these new innovations.

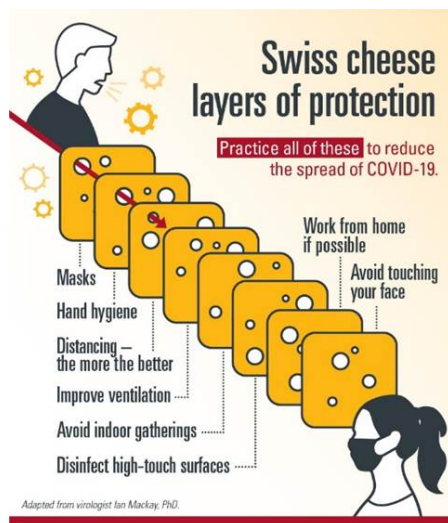
Take drones, for example. Prior to the pandemic, firms were using drones as an easier way to do things like conduct inspections in hard-to-reach areas, to film progress and to measure quantities of aggregates moved. But with coronavirus precautions forcing firms to limit the number of personnel on jobsites, drones have replaced many of the visual inspections that would have been handled by the staff in the construction trailer.

Similarly, construction firms once viewed wearable technologies that tracked the movement of workers on a jobsite as a way to, potentially, streamline workflow and improve efficiency. Now those same devices have become closer to essential as firms track the movement of workers to avoid prolonged close contact and make sure everyone is following coronavirus safety protocols.

While none of us wanted the pandemic, few of us are likely to walk back many of the innovations we have been forced to adopt. That is because these construction technologies aren't just protecting workers, they are making projects more efficient, easier to manage and keep on schedule.

When the pandemic passes, the new normal will include many of the things we used to do as well as many of the things we are all now forced to do.

Read the [full story](#)



It is Official: Video Call Fatigue is Real

- Thirty-eight percent of employees in a new Robert Half survey said they have experienced video call fatigue since the start of the pandemic.
- The most common video call pet peeve was technical issues followed by too many meeting participants and people talking over each other. Nearly a quarter of respondents (24%) said they find virtual meetings inefficient and exhausting and would prefer to communicate via email or phone. One in four employees (26%) also said the practicality and novelty of videoconferencing has worn off during the past 8 months.
- "Workers are busier than ever and strapped for time. Before setting up a video call, always determine the goal and if it can be accomplished via other means," Paul McDonald, senior executive director of Robert Half, said in the announcement.

Read the [full story here](#)

Safety Initiative Goals:

As an AGC Nebraska Building Chapter member, are you participating with:

- 100% of all AGC members and other contractors on AGC jobsites enforcing OSHA standards as they apply to falls, electrical safety and possible another topic.
- 100% of all AGC members will have set their own company goals to improve safety in their firm and have a way to measure progress towards the goal.
- 100% of all AGC members will encourage and support all contractors on their jobsites to set their own company goals for improving safety.

Thank you for taking responsibility for your safe work environment and doing the right thing every time, even when it's not the easiest choice.