

# Industry Update

News and Information for NATA Members



June 2020

## NATA working to bring you information



NATA has tried to keep up with the latest on financial assistance programs, sanitizing, social distancing and essential businesses requirements.

We added a [COVID-19 tab](#) to our website listing all of the updates, and we will continue to keep that as current as possible.

We also added an **online classes tab**(of mostly **free** training) for any laid-off employees that want to keep up with their trade.

Go to [www.aboutnata.org](http://www.aboutnata.org) to review the newest information.

We know these are very trying times for many of us, and there are so many questions and uncertainties. We just want you to know that NATA is here for you. Our staff is working from home but we are available. Please feel free to call or email us with your concerns or how NATA might be able to help you.

Thank you for your continued support of your association.

Stay safe and healthy, and this too shall pass!

## SAIF offers NATA members advice, 10% discount



Great news for NATA members: Starting July 1, you can get a 10% discount on your SAIF workers' compensation insurance through our group discount. If you're insured with another carrier, or if you're insured with SAIF but not enrolled in our group, call our office at (503) 253-9898, or [click](#)

[here](#) for more information.

With so many challenges in the world over the past few months, most employers probably haven't given too much thought to their workers' compensation insurance policy.

But SAIF notes that the changes brought on by the coronavirus pandemic can impact your policy in significant ways. Because workers' compensation premiums are calculated based, in part, on your payroll, changes to your business operations can impact what you owe. It's critical for employers to report payroll accurately to make sure you aren't paying too much, or too little, for workers' compensation.

Please contact your agent or SAIF as soon as possible if any of the following have taken place at your organization:

- \* ceased operations
- \* added additional products or services
- \* reduced or increased payroll

## Upcoming Events

### Looking For Online Training?

NATA has a webpage listing the options!  
[Click for Details](#)

- \* continue to pay employees who are not engaged in any work activities
- \* changed operations, such as having employees work from home

SAIF understands many of you are encountering hardships at your organization, and is there to help answer your questions and try to reduce financial uncertainty by making sure you are paying the correct premium. Call (800) 285-8525 or email [saifinfo@saif.com](mailto:saifinfo@saif.com).

Some other resources SAIF shared:

[Coronavirus and workers' compensation](#)  
[Webinar: Reopening during the pandemic](#)  
[Six ways to keep employees and customers safe](#)

### **ASE resumes testing**



ASE resumed testing in mid-May, though the organization says there is a chance those with appointments in June may find those appointments have been canceled to allow for social distancing at the test centers. If that occurs, you can make a new appointment for any time up until September 30.

Prometric (which coordinates the testing) has [put safety measures into place](#) following state and local guidelines. But if you have an appointment but are concerned about being at the test center, you can cancel and reschedule any time up until September 30.

To register for testing, [click here](#).

If you have questions, you can call (800) 390-6789 or email ASE at [contactus@ase.com](mailto:contactus@ase.com).

### **Save money with NATA credit card processing**



During these crazy times, businesses need to do whatever they can to save money. With NATA's new credit card processing company, you can start saving money the minute you convert. All funds are deposited

each day by 7 p.m., and with this program you can accept any payment cards.

The NATA office switched with Bobby Walker, and we can now take American Express, and we also are saving money on our processing charges.

From Jake Hammer at Everett Street Autoworks:

"As promised, I wanted to give a testimonial to Bobby and his company. They saved me close to \$3,000 in fees in one month and close to \$35,000 for the year! I appreciate the referral, Cathi, and I appreciate the good service, Bobby."

From Mary Ann Trout at Hillsboro Auto Wrecking:

"We just switched to NATA's credit card processing service in April. I can't recommend them enough. Not only did we save money on our credit card processing fees, but Bobby was great to work with. He made the transition so easy and stress free. The online program is super easy to use and to find the information you are looking for. Customer service is really important to us. I can't tell you how nice it was to find someone local that offers the service and takes care of

his clients. Bobby is really there to help you. Our credit card processing has been running smoothly with no problems."

If you are thinking about switching credit card merchant services, give Bobby Walker a call at (541) 780-4242.

If you have any questions, call your NATA office at (503) 253-9898.

### **BOLI storefront offers labor law posters and more**



Need the latest Oregon labor law posters? Or guidance on legal hiring practices, wage and hour laws, or employee leave laws?

[Click here](#) to check out the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries' e-commerce storefront.

### **DEQ inspection station closure continues**



The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, which closed its vehicle inspection stations on March 17 in an effort to lessen the risk of spreading COVID-19 among staff and customers, has extended those

closures through at least June 15 for its Medford-Ashland location and June 16 for its Portland-Metro locations.

Meanwhile, the agency continues to offer several options for obtaining an inspection compliance certificate.

As Jackson County moved into Phase 1 of its reopening in mid-May, DEQ adjusted its Medford-Ashland station plan in alignment with the new health and physical distancing guidelines. In addition, Columbia and Clackamas Counties recently began transitioning to Phase 1. As such, the approval of reopening plans and their implementation for stations in those counties are expected shortly, with the rest of the Portland-Metro stations to follow.

More information and updates are available on DEQ's [Vehicle Inspection Station Closure Information \(During COVID-19-related Emergency\)](#) page.

DEQ currently offers various alternatives to going to a vehicle inspection station. In late March, the Oregon Department of Transportation announced a partnership with Oregon law enforcement agencies to exercise discretion in the enforcement of driver's licenses, vehicle registrations and trip permits that expire during the COVID-19 emergency declared by Governor Brown. However, those customers still wishing to get their vehicles inspected and registered may visit the Vehicle Inspection Station Closure Information (During COVID-19-related Emergency) page linked in the previous paragraph.

Finally, a temporary fee increase approved on May 7 by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission, DEQ's policy and rulemaking board, goes into effect on June 1. The increase applies to compliance certificates required for vehicle registrations in the Portland-Metro and Medford-Ashland areas, as well as fees for Mobile On-Site Testing at auto dealerships. You may find more details [here](#).

### **NATA has a new member**

**Traditional Auto Body & Paint** in Salem is the latest company to join NATA. The shop has been providing autobody repair and painting services since 1987. Welcome to NATA!

## SBA releases application for PPP loan forgiveness



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has released the application for Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness. You can download the document by [clicking here](#).

Keep in mind that the application process goes through your lender, many of which are developing their own electronic applications for the process. But reviewing the SBA form can help you gather the information your lender is likely to require.

## 'World of Speed' museum closes



NATA was sorry to learn that the "World of Speed" museum in Wilsonville closed permanently last month.

"As currently outlined, the museum would fall into Phase Two or Three of Oregon's reopening plan, pushing our ability to open potentially into 2021," the museum wrote in an [email to its membership](#). "After much

deliberation, the board has determined that they are unable to maintain the facility for such an extended closure period."

The museum's assets will be distributed to non-profit museums and schools over the coming months.

## Companies team up to offer free daily training



Carquest Technical Institute and Worldpac Training Institute have teamed up to **bring anyone in the industry free one-hour training classes being offered each weekday**.

"The goal is to keep our community working together and moving forward in a positive way during these challenging times," the companies said.

The live online classes feature technical and business management training, including courses focused on topics necessary to navigate business operations during the pandemic.

[Click here](#) for a flier about the classes, or [click here](#) to see a complete class schedule and to register.

## NATA can share resumes of displaced employees



To say these have been challenging times would be an understatement. If you have had to let any employees go permanently, you can suggest they submit their resume to NATA. We cannot act as an employment

agency, but are happy to pass resumes on to other shops that are short-handed.

## Bend High School has instructor job opening



Bend High School will soon post a job opening for next school year for a part-time instructor for its hybrid program that combines automotive technology with metal fabrication. (It will be part-time for the first year

because the current instructor will stay on part-time to assist the new instructor.) The capstone of the program is the design, construction and competing of electric vehicles ([click here](#) for information regarding that portion of the program). Applicants will need at least 2,000 hours of industry experience. It will be a part-time position for the 2020-21 school year, then full-time after that. Anyone with questions about the position can email the current instructor, Pat Garcia, [pat.garcia@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:pat.garcia@bend.k12.or.us).

## Labor unions call for steps to protect workers



May 26, 2020

Dear Governor Brown, Senate President Peter Courtney, Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, Members of the Oregon State Senate and Members of the Oregon State House:

Over the last twelve weeks, we have seen workers in Oregon become ill and even fatally ill as a result of exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace. Workplace exposure is a common way Oregonians are getting sick and spreading the virus to their families and communities. Yet, we have failed to fully protect workers, often with tragic results. Not all Oregonians are being affected by the disease equally. Data shows that our Latino and immigrant communities are being hit hardest, as well as low-wage workers and their families.

We applaud Governor Brown's deliberate approach to reopening. However, there is much more that needs to be done to ensure that workers will be protected and that Oregon is reopening the safe, that race, immigration status and poverty have on infection rates and outcomes. As we begin reopening the economy, all workers and the community need to be assured that safety and health is the first priority.

A number of labor unions and workers' rights groups have jointly sent a 8-page letter to the Governor and state lawmakers urging them to take more actions to protect Oregonians from the COVID-19 virus at work. [Click here](#) to read the letter with the groups' recommendations.

## Oregon agencies offer business training



Three Oregon agencies offer regular training for companies within the state.

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) offers training seminars on such topics as wage and hour laws, discipline and discharge, and the latest developments in employment law. Details are available by [clicking here](#).

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites businesses that handle hazardous waste to sign up for a class covering basic management of such waste. Registration is free but on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#) for more details.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) offers classroom workshops and online training on such topics as hazard communications, safety meetings, lockout/tagout, personal protective equipment, etc. [Click here](#) for current class description and schedule, call (888) 292-5247 (option 2) or send an email to [ed.web@oregon.gov](mailto:ed.web@oregon.gov).

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