



# July, 2020

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# TO BENEFIT ... PARTICIPATE!



## NECA CONVENTION UPDATE

On June 17, 2020, NECA announced the 2020 Convention and Trade Show will take place entirely online from October 5 – 7, 2020, featuring brand-new virtual experiences.

McCormick Place in Chicago, the planned site for the 2020 Convention, informed NECA that it does not have approval at this time to hold the event, and NECA is adjusting accordingly. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER APPROVES EMP PROTECTION RULES

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, the Insurance Commissioner announced his

approval of our supported special regulatory filing to make rule changes to the California Workers' Compensation Uniform Statistical Reporting Plan – 1995 (USRP) and the California Workers' Compensation Experience Rating Plan – 1995 (ERP). The most significant portion of the decision was the approval of the regulations that would exclude COVID-19 claims from a contractor's experience modification rate (EMR).

These proposed regulations were of critical importance in protecting contractors from significant increases in their EMR related to COVID-19 incidents.

A copy of the decision can be found by clicking here. Below is a quick summary of the approved rules.

- Exclude COVID-19 Claims from Experience Rating – Claims arising directly from a diagnosis of COVID-19 with an accident date on or after December 1, 2019, will be excluded from the experience rating calculations of individual employers.

- Exclude Payments to Employees who Continue to be Paid While Not Working –

Payments made to employees who were continued to be paid while not engaged in any work activities will be excluded from reportable payroll. This exclusion will apply during the time California's Statewide Stay-At-Home order is in place, and for up to 30-days thereafter, if the employee continues not to work.

- Allow Assignment of Classification 8810 for Temporary Change in Duties – The temporary assignment of Classification 8810, Clerical Office Employees, will be allowed for employees whose job duties meet the definition of a Clerical Office Employee due to increased work from home. This provision applies while California's Stay-At-Home order is in place, and for up to 60-days thereafter, if the employee continues to meet the definition of a Clerical Office Employee.

However, it does not apply to the payroll of employees whose payroll is otherwise assignable to a standard classification that specifically includes Clerical Office Employees.

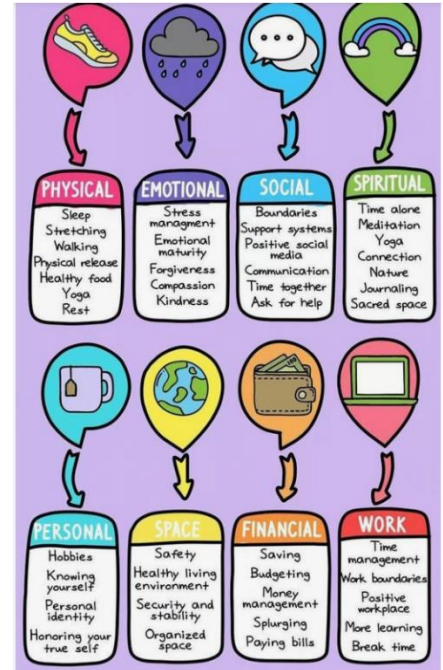
## SBA AND TREASURY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The US Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, posted a revised, borrower-friendly Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness application

implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020, signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020. [Click here](#) to view the EZ Forgiveness Application and [click here](#) to view the Full Forgiveness Application.

## A MESSAGE FROM PATIENT ADVOCATE RASHA ANIAG

As things start to reopen and rumors of a second wave are in the chatter of the media, I would like to take a moment and reflect on how it has affected us. For some, it increased family bonds and for others it has increased tension and anxiety. We were all not mentally prepared for this change in life but I would like to encourage everyone to find positivity and utilize this time for self-care. Self-care is spending quality time on yourself to hit that reset button so that you are prepared for whatever challenges you face. It can be a hobby, house project, or even taking a bucket of warm water and Epsom salts to soak your feet with your favorite show on at the end of the day. For me, self-care is going for a walk by the neighborhood creek and just listening to the water move and trickle, or gardening. What does self-care look like for you?



On the other facet, your safety is a priority. We are working together to ensure that everyone is safe & protected in the workplace. Here is the link from OSHA to ensure safety at the workplace: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-construction.pdf>

Remember your health is your wealth and stay safe everyone!

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## BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM TEMPORARY CHANGES

On April 2, 2020, the US Small Business Administration posted on its website an interim final rule relating to the implementation of sections 1102 and 1106 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Section 1102 of the Act temporarily adds a new product, titled the "Paycheck Protection Program," to SBA's 7(a) Loan Program. Subsequently, SBA and Treasury issued additional interim final rules implementing the Paycheck Protection Program. On June 5, 2020, the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020 was signed into law, amending the CARES Act.

This interim final rule revises interim final rules posted on SBA's website on April 14, 2020 and April 28, 2020, by changing provisions to conform to the Flexibility Act.

Several of these amendments are retroactive to the date of enactment of the CARES Act, as required by section 3(d) of the Flexibility Act. You can read more by [clicking here](#).



## MILWAUKEE APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH

The Apprentice of the Month program is sponsored by Milwaukee Tools. The goal is to encourage apprentice participation and reward a high performing student for achieving outstanding results both in the classroom and on the job. Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, the program has been temporarily suspended.



## UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

**ALL IN-PERSON JW CLASSES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER! HOWEVER...ONLINE CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE HAVE THOSE**

**INTERESTED CONTACT STACY AT THE JATC OFFICE AT [STACY@TRICOUNTYJATC.ORG](mailto:STACY@TRICOUNTYJATC.ORG) TO OBTAIN DETAILS.**

## CPR/FIRST AID

Due to health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be holding a physical, onsite CPR / First Aid course at the training center. The JATC, however, has come up with an alternative solution should you be in need of renewing your certification, through the American Red Cross.

Online portion at [www.redcross.org/takeaclass](http://www.redcross.org/takeaclass)

Select: **Provisional Certification Adult First Aid CPR / AED – OL** and your zip code

Cost: **\$97** (to be reimbursed by the JATC upon receiving a copy of your certification)

\*\*Please note that the online portion is only the first step. Once this is completed, take your certification to an American Red Cross facility near you to do the practical exam where you will receive your actual certification card. You must present the JATC with a copy of this certification card in order to be reimbursed.

**APPRENTICE  
APPLICATION  
INFORMATION  
SUSPENDED  
APPLICATIONS FOR NOW**

The Tri-County Electrical JATC generally accepts applications on a year-round basis; however, due to the recent Shelter In Place orders, we are not accepting applications at the office. Online applications are now available and can be completed but not turned in until further notice. For more information regarding the process, please click in the following link:

**[JATC INFORMATION](#)**



**AVAILABILITY LIST  
UPDATE**

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 4 on Book 1, 13 on Book 2, 5 on Book 3 and 2 on Book 4. There are 2 on Book 1, 3 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3 and 0 on Book 4 for Sound & Comm. There is 1 on CW Book 1 and 0 on CW Book 2. There are no Inside apprentice available for work at this time, however, new apprentices are being started from the availability list. Should you need an apprentice, be sure to contact Stacy at Stacy@tricountyjatc.org.

**SALINAS HIGH BELL  
TOWER RINGS  
AGAIN...THANKS TO  
OUR LMCC**

The Tri-County Area LMCC and JM Electric have made the bells at Salinas High ring once again! After over 30 years of the chimes being in disrepair, they sound amazing! Our thanks to Rick Jensen and his team for spearheading this

effort. This will be featured in an upcoming issue of EC Magazine.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the bells will play patriotic songs to celebrate our nation's independence at 12 o'clock noon. If you happen to be in town, please stop and listen. It's a part of Salinas history that has returned!



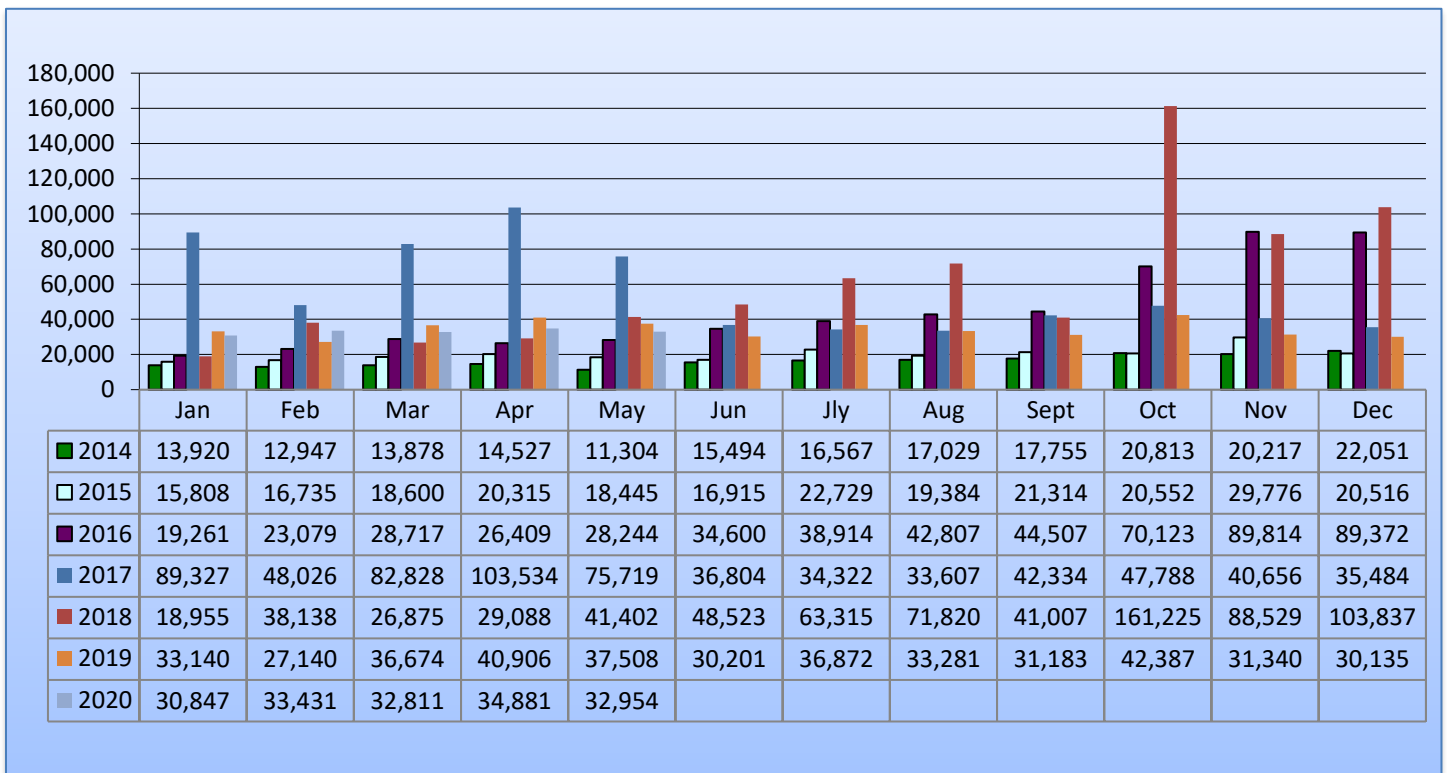
**Let freedom ring at SHS!**

To celebrate our Nation's independence, our newly restored bells will play 15 minutes of patriotic music. Listen to the bells from your yard or as you drive down South Main Street\*

**TO TAKE PLACE ON**  
**July 4, 2020**  
**at 12pm**

\*Please note that this is NOT an invitation to visit SHS

## INSIDE MONTHLY HOURS REPORT





**WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS TO THE STATUS OF THESE MEETINGS  
AS WE BECOME AWARE.**

October 3-6, 2020

***Canceled***

NECA Convention and Trade Show  
Chicago, IL

October 10, 2020

Local #234 Family BBQ  
Toro Park – Buckeye Area  
Salinas, CA

October 21-22, 2020

The Bob Golf Tournament (ECCT)  
The Grand Del Mar  
San Diego, CA

December 4, 2020

Chapter Christmas Party  
Chaminade Resort  
By invitation only

May 7-8, 2021

Wisdom and Wine  
Education Course & Retreat  
Managing Field Productivity  
Allegretto Resort  
Paso Robles, CA  
Watch for details!