## TOTAL WORKER HEALTH AT HANFORD

HPMC OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Introduction to Total Worker Health®
- Discuss the hierarchy of controls
- Social determinants of health
- Benefits to employee and employer
- The Hanford Site
- Total Worker Health at Hanford program focus areas and barriers
- Total Worker Health training opportunities and resources



## WHAT IS TOTAL WORKER HEALTH®?

According to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),

"Total Worker Health" is defined as policies, programs, and practices that integrate protection from work-related safety and health hazards with promotion of injury and illness prevention efforts to advance worker well-being."

# WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN WORK AND HEALTH?

- Total Worker Health (TWH) explores opportunities to protect workers and advance their health and well-being by improving the conditions of work through workplace policies, programs, and practices. Risk factors in the workplace can contribute to health problems previously considered unrelated to work.
  - Sleep disorders
  - Cardiovascular disease
  - Depression
  - Obesity
- TWH approach focuses on how the workplace environment can both mitigate threats to worker safety and health and enhance overall worker well-being.

## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



## Economic Stability

- Employment
- Income
- Expenses
- Debt
- · Medical bills
- Support



## Neighborhood and Physical Environment

- Housing
- Transportation
- Safety
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Walkability



### Education

- Literacy
- Language
- Early childhood education
- Vocational training
- Higher education



### Food

- Hunger
- Access to healthy options



## Community and Social Context

- Social integration
- Support systems
- Community engagement
- Discrimination



## Health Care System

- Health coverage
- Provider availability
- · Provider bias
- Provider cultural and linguistic competency
- Quality of care

### **Health Outcomes**

Mortality

Morbidity

Life Expectancy Health Care Expenditures **Health Status** 

Functional Limitations

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

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## HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

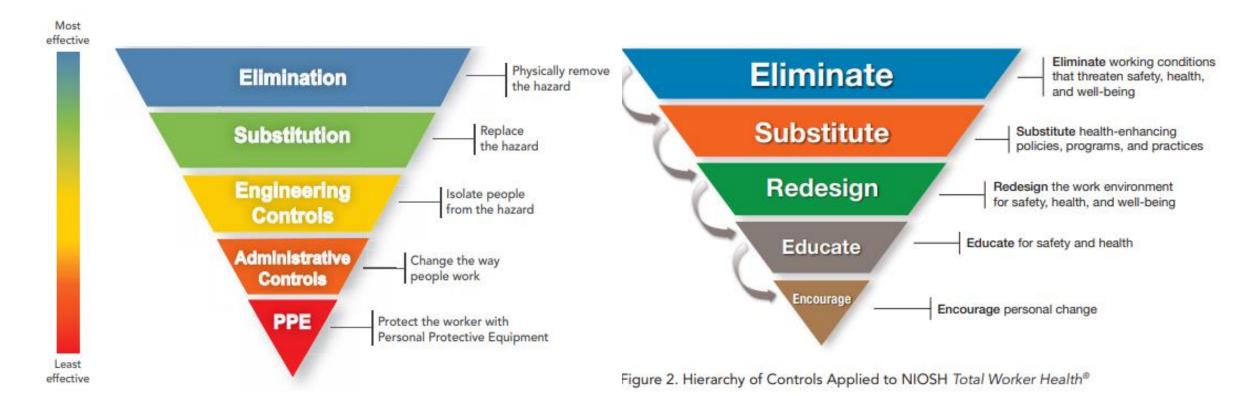


Figure 1. Hierarchy of Controls [NIOSH 2015]

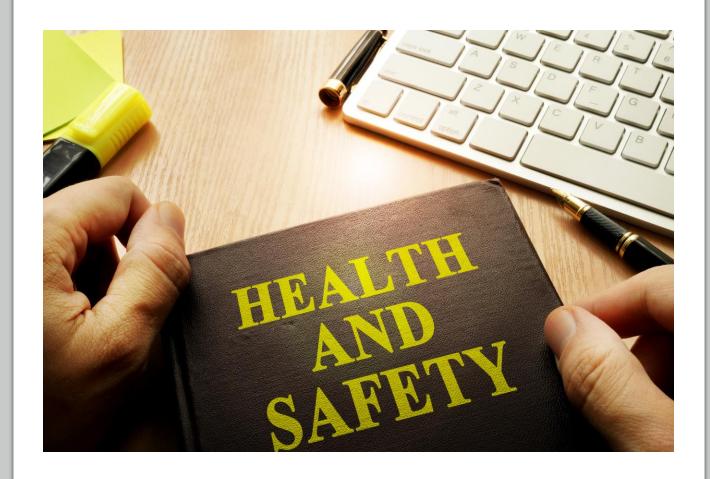
## BENEFITS TO WORKERS

A safety and health program at work will positively benefit the whole person. Workers will experience greater morale at work and enhanced work-life balance. Consideration of workers' existence beyond the workday will promote safer and healthier habits at work, home, and in the community.



## BENEFITS TO EMPLOYER

- Increased productivity
- Reduction in injuries due to accidents or chronic overuse
- Enhanced health and safety culture
- Appeal to qualified prospective employees
- Reduced healthcare costs
- Reduced presenteeism and absenteeism
- Accountability to established health and safety milestones
- Inclusion of the needs of employees at all levels of the organization



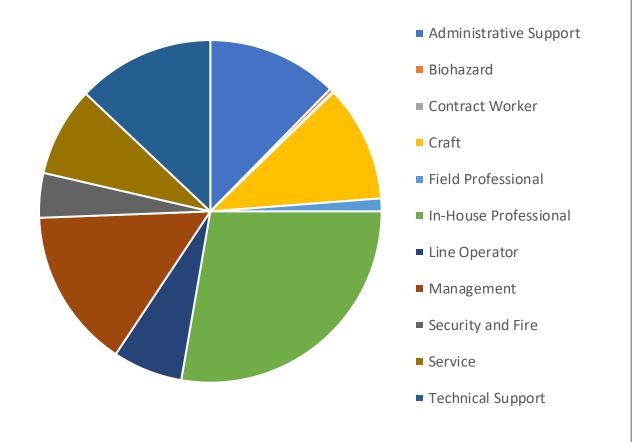
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## HANDFORD SITE

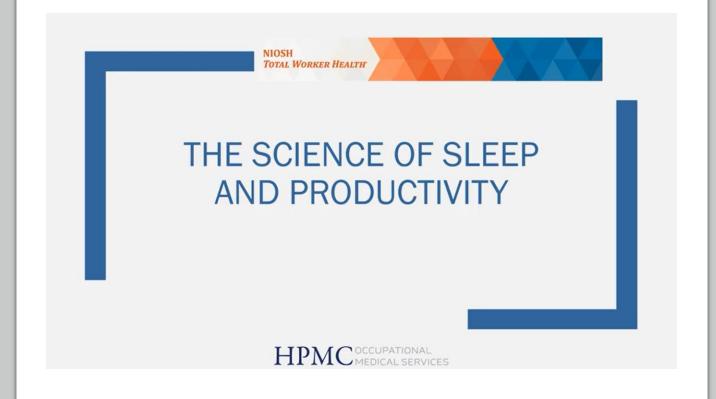
- 7,199 employees receive services from HPMC OMS
- Multiple contactors
- Various shifts- day, swing, graveyard
- Diverse job scopes and work environments
- On-site and telework work posture during pandemic

## Hanford Site Workforce Jobs



## TOTAL WORKER HEALTH AT HANFORD PROGRAM FOCUS

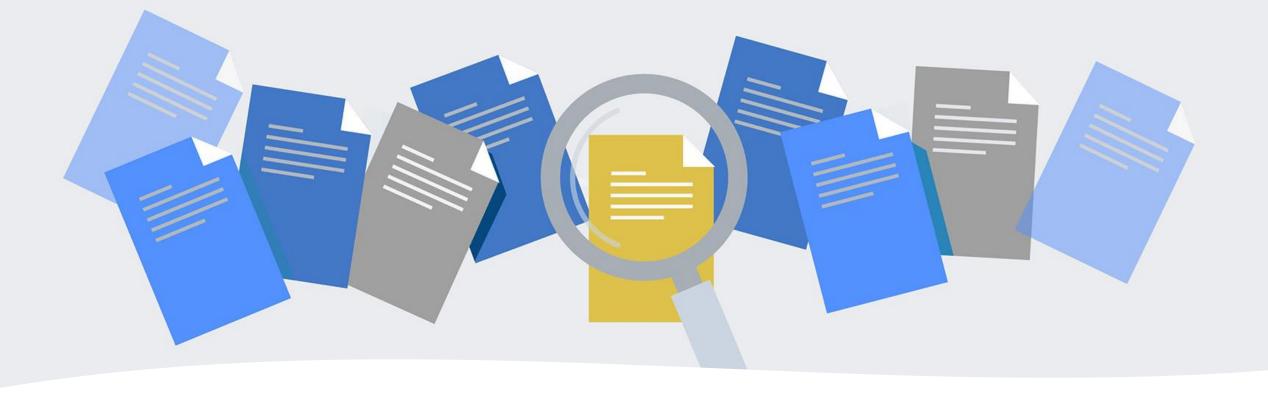
- Reach out to employees in a safe way during pandemic
- Provide tailored content to our unique workforce in a time efficient way
- Integrate the messages into the well-established safety culture
- On demand access to increase access



## TOTAL WORKER HEALTH AT HANFORD PROGRAM FOCUS

- Highlight ways employees can implement personal changes
- Highlight ways employers can support employee health and wellness
- Resources linked for additional information

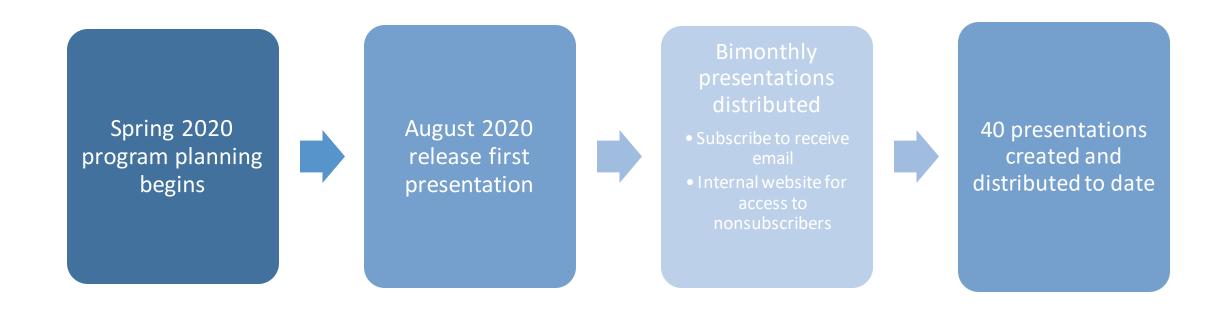




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BARRIERS

- Multi contractor workforce
- Policies and procedures unique to each group
- Access to widespread communication channels

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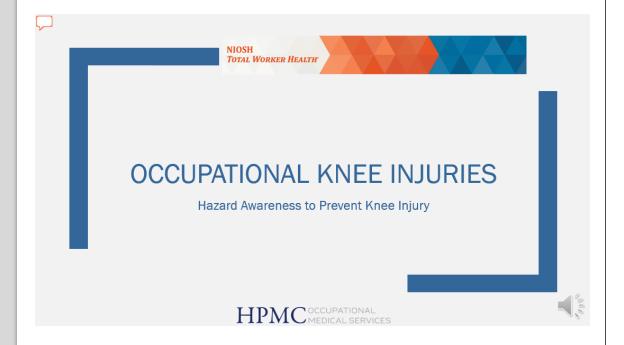


## TOTAL WORKER HEALTH AT HANFORD TOPIC LIBRARY

- What is Total Worker Health at Hanford
- Heat Stress
- Physical Effects of Stress
- Lifestyle Management of Stress
- Immunization and Total Worker Health
- Why Breath Matters
- Stretch Your Stamina with Short Breaks
- Repetitive Movement Injuries and Prevention
- The Science of Sleep and Productivity
- Preventing Pandemic Fatigue
- Physical Activity and Immunity
- Physical Fitness and Resilience to Injury
- Preventive Exercise

- Upcoming Occupational Health and Wellness Services
- Knee Injury Prevention
- Integrated Approach to Workplace Mental Health
- Blood Pressure in the Workplace
- Long-haul COVID-19
- Communication in the Workplace
- Food Safety
- Healthier Holidays
- Habits for a Healthy Workforce
- Exercise Consideration for Cold Weather
- Heart Health

- The Hear Safety Connections
- Workplace Eye Wellness
- Foundations for Injury Prevention
- Workplace Ergonomics
- Productive Aging and Work
- North American Safety and Health Week
- World Hand Hygiene
- Joint Health
- Why Fascia Matters
- Occupational Sun Safety
- Occupational Environmental Health
- Recipe for a Healthy Back
- Social Connections in the Workplace



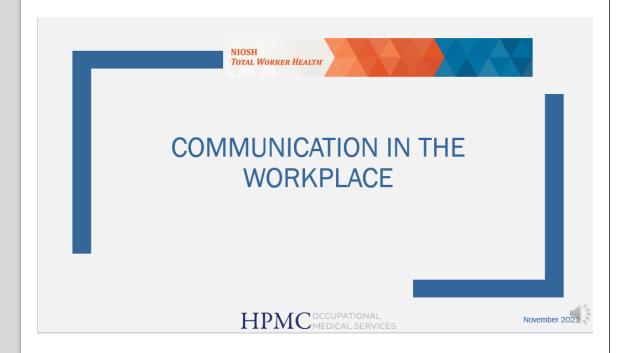
NIOSH Total Worker Health

## Prevention

- For Safety/IH
  - Provide kneelers or stools along with knee pads
  - Identify safe walking paths for employees to use
  - If possible, reduce load weight or frequency/duration of repetitive tasks
  - Communicate Work-to-Rest Ratios and the importance of rest breaks
  - Consult with HPMC OMS Exercise Physiologists for Ergonomic Ideas

- For Individuals
  - Increase overall fitness
    - Reduces compensation
    - Improves movement patterns
  - Warm up prior to activity/work
  - Take breaks from repetitive or sustained tasks
  - Use knee pads or kneelers
  - Stretch throughout day
- Communicate any ideas with your Safety/IH
- Ask for Ergonomic Evaluation if you experience Repetitive Strain







## FOCUS AREAS

- Highlight areas in policies, programs, and practices that could be enhanced to align with the Total Worker Health model
- Identifying areas that could be redesigned with support from contractors
- Providing education and resources to the workforce
- Encouraging change- big or small

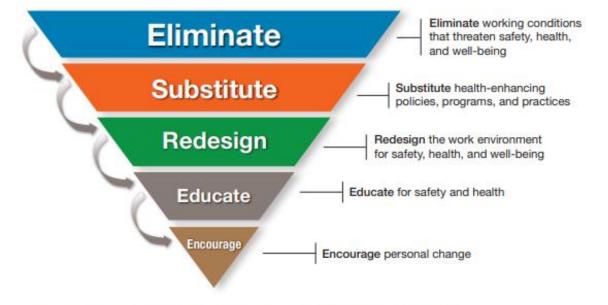


Figure 2. Hierarchy of Controls Applied to NIOSH Total Worker Health®

## TRAINING OPPERTUNITES AND RESOURCES

- NIOSH Total Worker Health (TWH) Webinar Series
- <u>TWH Facilitator Training from UMass Lowell</u>
- TWH for OSH Professionals from UMass Lowell
- TWH in Action! eNewsletter.
- Centers of Excellence page
- <u>Total Worker Health Affiliate Program</u>
- "Fundamentals of Total Worker Health ® Approaches: Essential Elements for Advancing Worker Safety, Health, and Well-Being"
  from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
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## CLOSING REMARKS

- Access resources
- Attend trainings
- Identify areas that your organization can focus on
- Talk with your workforce
- Listen to the ideas and assess what is within your control
- Plan
- Implement



## THANK YOU

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