Roundtable Discussion: Maintaining Worker Health and Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Speaker Bios

Facilitator:

Dana Stahl

Dana Stahl, CIH, is the Development Manager and an Instructor for the Pacific Northwest OSHA Education Center, UW DEOHS. Dana Stahl has more than 20 years of experience managing occupational health and safety programs for public agencies, including the Port of Seattle and Sound Transit. She has managed industrial hygiene and hazardous materials management programs throughout her career, and worked closely with local emergency managers and emergency responders, while managing the emergency management program at Sound Transit.

Panelists:

Peter Rabinowitz

Dr. Peter Rabinowitz is professor of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences, and director of the UW Center for One Health Research. The center explores linkages between human, animal and environmental health in a "One Health" paradigm, including: zoonotic infectious diseases at the human-animal interface, animals as "sentinels" of environmental health hazards and clinical collaboration between human health care providers and veterinarians in a species-spanning approach. The Center also manages the Occupational Health at the Human Health Interface research training program.

Dr. Rabinowitz is the acting director of the UW MetaCenter for Pandemic Disease Preparedness, an interdisciplinary effort to prepare, prevent, and respond to global emerging disease outbreak threats.

He has been a visiting scientist at the Global Influenza Program of the World Health Organization and in the Animal Health Division of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), where he researched zoonotic diseases. He is the co-editor, with Lisa Conti DVM, MPH, of
the clinical manual Human Animal Medicine: Zoonoses, Toxicants and other Shared Health Risks. He is co-director, with Malika Kachani DVM, PhD, of the Stone Mountain Working Group on One Health Proof of Concept Research.

Dr. Rabinowitz completed a Family Medicine residency through the University of California San Francisco (Salinas Program). He has also completed fellowships in General Preventive Medicine and Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine, where he served as Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and Director of Electives for the School of Medicine.

**Debra Cherry**

Debra Cherry, M.D., M.S., is a board certified physician at Harborview, director of the UW Medicine Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency and a UW associate professor of General Internal Medicine and an adjunct associate professor of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences.

Dr. Cherry is an expert in injuries and illnesses that result from exposure in the workplace. She takes pride in promoting the health and safety of workers, assisting injured workers in their transition back to work and managing worker’s comp claims efficiently.

Dr. Cherry earned her M.D. from Texas Tech, Lubbock, and her M.S. from Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas. She is a member of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Her clinical and research interests include work-related injury and illness, exposure to hazardous waste products, work hazards associated with commercial fishing and resident education.

**Matt Bernard**

Matthew P. Bernard, has 38 years in the emergency, environmental response, safety and planning business. He recently retired as the FEMA Region 10 NIMS Coordinator. Also type 1 ICS Safety Officer, Type III Planning Section Chief, and Certified Incident Command Systems (ICS) Trainer. 27 Years with the US Coast Guard. Safety Officer for USCG Response to Katrina/Rita in Louisiana, ESF1,10 member Hurricane Charlie, Frances, Ivan and the Nisqually earthquake, USCG Regional Response Team Coordinator CANUSPAC Joint Response Team Coordinator, Incident Commander at ICP Homer, AK during Exxon Valdez oil spill. Member of USCG Pacific Area type 1 ICS Incident Management Assist Team. Environmental/Safety Coordinator for Olin Cooperation 10 Years. Safety Professional, Industrial Hygienist, Registered Environmental Manager, Certified
Safety and Environmental Compliance Officer, BA in Marine Biology, Masters Work in Environmental Management U of Washington.

**John Stebbins**

John Stebbins is an industrial hygiene technical specialist working on lead, noise, and healthcare issues with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) at the Washington Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). John started his career with a small Seattle consulting firm providing industrial hygiene services, primarily working with asbestos and other hazardous materials in construction and building management. He joined L&I as a technical specialist working with asbestos, noise, and emergency washing issues. He has also worked in the DOSH appeals section as a hearings officer and as a compliance supervisor. He is a Certified Safety Professional and Certified Industrial Hygienist.