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Message from President Phil Forner

February 7th starts National Burn Awareness week. Working in the HVACR industry, take time to inform your employees about staying safe when working with equipment and chemicals. Be sure to keep your work vehicles stocked with first aid kits and review the information located in this newsletter, providing you with burn awareness resources and information

On January 22nd, the Governor introduced the Safer Dining program, which mandates that restaurants must have an HVACR inspection to participate. Please see our news article for further information MIACCA continues to work hard for you and keep you up to date on all industry relate updates. As membership renewal notices head your way, we thank you for your support last year and encourage you to stay involved in MIACCA. If you are interested on serving on a committee or the board, please contact mjdsmith@miacca.org

Please continue to utilize these COVID-19 resources from our industry experts:

ACCA resources [here](#), Federated Insurance [here](#), NATE resources [here](#), ASHRAE resources [here](#)

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



MIACCA's Initiative on the Statewide Permit Result in CCC's Request Form Proposals

At the January 27th Construction Code Commission (CCC) meeting, MIACCA's request for a statewide permit was on the agenda item. They are now seeking input for building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permit applications. MCL 125.1510(1) requires these applications to be on a form prescribed by the commission. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) highly encourages the CCC to prescribe these forms, and the CCC acknowledges assistance from the Bureau of Construction Codes and input from interested stakeholders such as yourselves is necessary in accomplishing this task.

.For your reference, this was the [MIACCA proposed form](#). If you have any suggestions, please send them to us at mjdsmith@miacca.org by **February 24, 2021**. If you decide to send a proposed form on your own, please note that proposals for these permit applications must be received by the Administrative Services Division by 5:00 p.m. March 5, 2021.

All submissions will be presented to the CCC at their next regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM.



MI COVID-19 Safer Dining Program

On January 22, the Governor announced the state would gradually open restaurants across Michigan as safely as possible. Part of this effort is a voluntary program called "MI COVID-19

Michigan as safely as possible. Part of this effort is a voluntary program called "MI COVID-19 Safer Dining" where restaurants can work with a licensed HVAC inspector who will recommend changes to air ventilation to improve circulation and reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread. Restaurants will also abide by safety protocols, including mask wearing, social distancing, and regular disinfection and cleaning.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Restaurants must have a licensed HVAC contractor inspect their ventilation systems and make recommended changes, if necessary to improve circulation and further mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spread. Complete these two steps to participate in COVID-19 Safer Dining.
- **STEP 1:** Download the restaurant [HVAC checklist](#) for your licensed to contractor to complete during your inspection.

For Further Information [CLICK HERE](#)

MIACCA applauds the State in requiring our HVACR contractors services and expertise to help provide safer indoor eating environments during this pandemic. MIACCA encourages you to take care of your current customers and reach out to new ones to see how you can be of assistance with these new requirements.

Board of Mechanical Rules Meeting

The Board of Mechanical Rules will meet on February 24th at 10:00 a.m. Check [HERE](#) for meeting information as it becomes available.



2021 International Residential Code

The International Residential Code® (IRC®) is designed to safeguard public health and safety in all communities, large and small. This comprehensive, stand-alone document covers all aspects of construction for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses in a single source, including:

- Building
- Energy conservation
- Plumbing
- Mechanical
- Fuel gas
- Electrical

The IRC provides flexibility for the designer and code official. The IRC:

- Encourages the use of new and smarter technological advances.
- Emphasizes both prescriptive and engineered solutions and allows the use of time-tested methods.
- References nationally developed consensus standards.
- Is compatible with the Family of International Codes®

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Our valued MIACCA Members should start seeing membership renewals coming your way. Please feel free to pay conveniently online or mail in a check. MIACCA works hard for our members and is committed to protect, advocate and educate our industry. We are Michigan's only HVACR experts. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, M.J. D'Smith at mjdsmith@miacca.org with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!



Masks in the Workplace - What is Acceptable?

Question

When wearing masks in the workplace, what is deemed "inappropriate?" Some employees are using their masks to show their affiliation for or against political or social causes (i.e. #BLM, Back to Blue, or "Make America Great Again," etc.). How can the employer differentiate how to determine what is acceptable and what is not acceptable?

[READ ANSWER HERE](#)



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National Burn Awareness Week

FEBRUARY 7-13, 2021



National Burn Awareness Week

Burn Awareness Week, is a window of opportunity for organizations to mobilize burn, fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities.

The American Burn Association 2021 theme is Electrical Safety from Amps to Zap (A to Z)! Throughout the week of February 7-13, 2021,

[CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION](#)



MITSUBISHI Electric TRANE HVAC US Adds New Options for Heating Larger Spaces

Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US has extended its size range for the M-Series SUZ Universal Outdoor Unit single-zone heat pump. The unit is now available in 24,000, 30,000, and 36,000 BTU/H capacities, alongside the existing 9,000, 12,000, 15,000, and 18,000 BTU/H capacity products.

"We're pleased to add three new sizes to the SUZ outdoor unit H2i lineup for heating larger spaces more efficiently, without the need for fossil fuels, while still being able to provide the required heating capacity at very low ambient temperatures," says Mitul Patel, director of residential product management at Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US. "At METUS, we're constantly envisioning new ways to provide our customers with solutions to meet their specific comfort needs, and we're excited to offer these additions to one of our most successful residential lineups."

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