



Important message regarding 2020 Contractor DIG SAFE Breakfasts & COVID-19

On March 13, 2020, Premier Scott Moe, Health Minister Jim Reiter and Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab announced new measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan.

The Chief Medical Health Officer of Saskatchewan made the following order pursuant to Section 45 of The Public Health Act effective Monday, March 16:

- The Chief Medical Health Officer orders that no public gathering of over 250 people in any one room take place. This does not include settings where people are distributed into multiple rooms or buildings, such as schools, universities or workplaces.*
- The Chief Medical Health Officer orders that no events of over 50 people with speakers or attendees who have travelled internationally in the last 14 days take place.*

On March 16, 2020, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reminded Canadians that everyone has a responsibility and a role to play in containing the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing measures that include avoiding gatherings of more than 50 people.

Therefore, the Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance Board of Director's has made the difficult decision to **cancel** the 2020 Contractor DIG SAFE Breakfast presentations.

21 industry sponsors fund these events. We know these sponsors and those who attend are committed to damage prevention to underground infrastructure, the prevention of worker injury or death due to unsafe digging practices, and to the promotion of the Canadian Common Ground Alliance's Best Practices.

Safety remains our number one priority for underground infrastructure but at this time we must adhere to the Chief Medical Health Officer order for volunteers and the public's health and safety.

The annual breakfast video will be available on the SCGA website **April 1, 2020**. We encourage you to check back on the site and when it is safe to do so plan a tail gate or safety meeting to watch.

If you are interested in receiving the latest Information Card and Universal Colour Code Decals please email scgacontractorbreakfast@scga.ca and we will ship them out.

National DIG SAFE month serves as an important reminder to Click Before You Dig. The ClickBeforeYouDig.com web portal connects homeowners and contractors with their local One-Call Centre, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested dig site to locate and mark underground lines with flags, spray paint or both. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a visit to ClickBeforeYouDig.com. Installing a fence, planting a tree and building a deck are all examples of digging projects requiring a locate request.

We thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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