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Looking for work is never fun, and less so in time of economic upheaval. Lisa Balbes explains how the process has changed over time. She'll also explain how rabbits figure prominently in her life. Elsewhere, Frankie Wood-Black offers a twofer: One article on fighting complacency when it comes to safety, and a second on how COVID-19 may have helped suppress deaths from this year's seasonal flu. Finally, two articles – one courtesy of LinkedIn Learning and the other from our ACS Career Consultants – on how to be happier and more productive while working remotely.

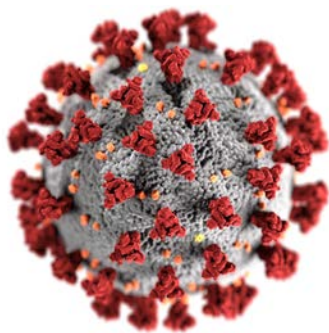
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*John Katz
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Lisa Balbes

ACS Career Consultant,
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QUOTABLE

"There's never been a time in modern history when every person is seriously worried about the same thing at the same time."

- David Ropeik, Risk Management Consultant,
NY Times, Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

CAREER CORNER

"How can I maintain a work-life balance while working remotely?"

Adam Myers, Associate Director, Chromatography and Drug Performance, SSCI:

"Routine is key to finding balance. A few tips are: Designate a place for your work, especially if you don't have an obvious one (i.e. no office)."

Marciano Bagnoli, Quality Manager, Georgia-Pacific LLC:

"The key to working remotely is the same for work-life balance, which is deliberate time management."

Andrea Alexander, Technical Service and Development Manager, ShinEtsu Silicones of America, Inc.:

"There are two main topics when broaching the subject of having a home office: balancing family, and overworking."

Joe Martino, ACS Career Consultant:

*"The key to this is **structure**. Act as if you're working in the office."*

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Frankie Wood-Black
Safety Expert

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