# **BOMA Canada:** Prepare your building for back to work

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# **Back to Work Guide**

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Commercial Real Estate, Coronavirus and Re-Entry

Pathway Back to

> May 7, 2020 Version 1

# Thank you to our volunteers !

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# Thank you to our Front-Line Workers!

# Building Operations

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## Building Operations – Areas to Consider







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Washrooms

Food Court



Deliveries Including Food deliveries



Loading Dock/Parking Lot



General Amenities





# Vendor and Supplies



**Craig Rudin** CEO **Superior Sany Solutions LTD** 



#### COVID-19 Heightened Sensitivity around Personal Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfection

	Personal Hygiene	PPE	Signage & Communication	Facility Cleaning
New Behaviours	<ul> <li>个 hand hygiene</li> <li>个 sanitizing</li> <li>Cleaner workspaces</li> <li>Social distancing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wearing of face masks</li> <li>Wearing gloves in public spaces</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Traffic flow / Social distancing</li><li>Cleaning Validation</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Continuous high touch point sanitization</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning scope</li> <li>Periodic disinfection</li> </ul>
Supply Chain Requirements	<ul> <li>Hand sanitizing stations</li> <li>Surface sanitizing solutions</li> <li>Touchless solutions: <ul> <li>Faucets</li> <li>Hand soap dispensers</li> <li>Hand drying</li> <li>Door opening</li> <li>Flushing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide PPE</li> <li>Mask &amp; glove disposal solutions</li> <li>Dispensers / Vending and cost control of PPE</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More visible cleaners during the daytime</li> <li>Confirmation or signalling that an area has been cleaned</li> <li>Digital communication displays</li> <li>Crowd / traffic control markers &amp; solutions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disinfectants and PPE equipment</li> <li>Install QA program with verification tools</li> <li>Higher quality cleaning personnel and training programs</li> </ul>
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	<ul><li>✓ Bulk hand sanitizer with dispensing</li><li>✓ Trade off's on touchless solutions</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Implement waste stream protocol for masks / gloves</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invest in digital messaging solutions</li> <li>Post dashboards and data relating to cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Utilize a risk assessment tool to prescribe ↑ frequencies by area</li> </ul>
Things to Think About	based on risk profiles	<ul> <li>Install vending solutions for PPE</li> </ul>	verification	<ul> <li>Develop an enhanced scope of work and communicate to all stakeholders</li> </ul>
, sout	<ul> <li>Establish longer term pricing and supplier agreements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Establish longer term pricing and supplier agreements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visual markers of cleaning validation in personal workspaces</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invest in quality assurance solution,</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>On going communication campaign –</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create dashboards and data based verification</li> </ul>

enhanced standards and validation results

messaging

Based on the W.H.O. brief1, according to current evidence, COVID-19 virus is primarily transmitted between people through respiratory droplets and contact routes, and airborne transmission was not reported.

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#### HVAC Insight – COVID-19

	Ventilation	Filtration	Temperature/Humidity
On Startup	<ul> <li>Increase fresh air make up level to a maximum extent possible for 24 hours prior to the re-entry of the building</li> <li>Confirm the building is operating under positive pressure</li> <li>Review all outstanding repair recommendation</li> <li>Ensure your system capability and control strategy s aligned with occupancy plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>MERV 8 filter is currently the minimum standard. MERV13+ is recommended for effectively capturing air bourn viruses based on ASHRAE</li> <li>Check the specification of ventilation unit for use of highest rating filter possible. Area impacted may include, <ul> <li>Static pressure in the system</li> <li>Reduced supply air flow</li> </ul> </li> <li>Add additional differential pressure sensors or make sure existing differential pressure across filter is operating properly</li> <li>Review with operation, contractors and engineers to increase supply air flow to compensate for higher efficiency filter.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In theory, the optimal environment to reduce the survival of airborne influenza virus may be above 30°C (86°F) at 50%RH, but it is not practical in general occupied environment.</li> <li>Please review links provided below this table for more detail information.</li> <li>Understanding your current operation setup. (i.e. do you have (de)-humidification system?)</li> <li>Verify existing humidity system &amp; control is working properly</li> </ul>
Ongoing Occupancy	<ul> <li>Use demand ventilation with caution</li> <li>Consult with engineers and contractors in the use of occupancy data to establish appropriate ventilation strategy</li> <li>Identify areas of poor ventilation or inappropriate pressure</li> <li>Review and adapt new Building Automation sequence of operation as required</li> <li>Larger &amp; heavier droplets and particulates do not normally <i>circulate back within</i> the HVAC system</li> <li>However, if present in an occupied space, the supply air stream from the diffusers may push these larger/heavier droplets beyond the recommend social distancing space. (See study by WHO)</li> <li>Consult with your operations and contractor/engineers for further system review</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continuing verification that filter selection meets operation requirement</li> <li>Modify filter change schedule as required</li> <li>Maintain extra stock on site.</li> <li>Stock up additional PPE on site for protection of workers changing filters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Multiple sources sight an optimal operating humidity level between 35 - 55%RH.</li> <li>Pay close attention to the operating performance as occupancy and ambient condition change</li> <li>Continue with regular review to understand your system's capability and attaining to the best operating result</li> </ul>



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Maintenance Consideration	<ul> <li>Complete manufacturer's recommended spring start-up</li> <li>As addition health precaution, clean cooling tower components, and review water treatment operation,</li> <li>Clean all evaporator coils.</li> <li>Conduct periodic visual inspection of the system to ensure cleanliness</li> </ul>	• Ensure the proper fit of filters (minimize blowby)	<ul> <li>Enforce the proper maintenance and service routine based on manufacturer's recommendation on your (de)humidification systems.</li> </ul>
Notes	<ul> <li>If applicable, make sure your BAS data and capability is leveraged to inform decision making and maximize performance</li> <li>Increase ventilation will increase energy cost, consult with engineers to understand the impact.</li> <li>Increase ventilation will increase system runtime and component wear/tear</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not all same MERV filters are constructed equally. Speak with your contractors about the quality of the product.</li> <li>Consult with your operations, contractors and engineers for the applicability of air purification of using UV-A/B/C</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintaining comfortable environment on hot &amp; humid days will be a challenge as you increase outside air intake.</li> </ul>

1. W.H.O., March 2020, https://www.who.int/news-room/commentaries/detail/modes-of-transmission-of-virus-causing-covid-19-implications-for-ipc-precaution-recommendations

2. ASHRAE, April 2020, ASHRAE Position Document on Airborne Infectious Diseases

3. ASHRAE, April 2020, ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force – Filtration & Disinfection



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MERV Rating	Trap particles size 0.03 to 1 microns	Trap particles size 1 to 3 microns	Trap particles size 3 to 10 microns	Typical Application	Notes/ASHRAE Standards
MERV 1 - 4	N/A	N/A	< 20%	Fiberglass/Aluminum Mesh filter for Pollen, Dust Mites, Spray Paint, Carpet Fibres	
MERV 5	N/A	N/A	20% - 35%	Cheap Disposable Filters for Mold Spores, Cooling Dusts, Hair Spray, Furniture Polish	
MERV 6	N/A	N/A	35% - 50%		Minimum ASHRAE Standard for Commercial Application (62.1)
MERV 7	N/A	N/A	50% - 70%		
MERV 8	N/A	N/A	> 70%		Minimum ASHRAE Standard for High Performance Green Building Standard (189.1)
MERV 9	N/A	< 50%	> 85%	Better Box Filters for Lead Dust, Flour, Auto Fumes, Welding Fumes	
MERV 10	N/A	50% - 65%	> 85%		
MERV 11	N/A	65% - 80%	> 85%		Minimum ASHRAE Standard when atmospheric particulate matter is less than 2.5 micrometers, a.k.a. PM2.5 (62.1)
MERV 12	N/A	> 80%	> 90%		
MERV 13	< 75%	> 90%	> 90%	Commercial Grade Filters for Bacteria,	
MERV 14	75% - 85%	> 90%	> 90%	Smoke, Sneezes	
MERV 15	85% - 95%	> 90%	> 90%		
MERV 16	> 95%	> 95%	> 95%		
MERV 17	99.97%	N/A	N/A	HEPA & ULPA for Viruses, Carbone Dust	
MERV 18	99.997%	N/A	N/A		
MERV 19	99.9997%	N/A	N/A		
MERV 20	99.99997%	N/A	N/A		



# **Tenant & Building Communication**

COLUMN THE PART



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• Address the key areas of concern to provide best practices and guidance on

communication for landlords and building managers

- Build trust and confidence
- Create a "property culture" and **enhance desired behaviors** from tenants and visitors





# Before coming to the property





# Coordinate with tenants to minimize lobby bottlenecks

- Communicate new elevator capacity
- Be transparent on #/hour
- Ask their collaboration to reduce lineups by staggering arrivals and departures

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# Ask tenants what their re-entry plans are

- To better plan opening hours, HVAC, lights etc.
- To have a better idea of tenants' expectations from their landlords / building managers





# Before coming to the property





DO NOT ENTER if you have returned from outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days.

DO NOT ENTER if you are under direction to self-monitor or self-isolate.

 
 DO NOT ENTER
 if you are experiencing any of the following cold/flu symptoms:

 • Cough
 • Fever
 • Runny Nose

 • Sore Throat
 • Weakness
 • Headache



Please wash your hands. Thank you for helping us stop the spread.

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Remind your employees and visitors to stay home if they have any of the following symptoms:

fever tiredness dry cough aches and pains nasal congestion runny nose sore throat diarrhea



Employees and visitors should selfisolate for 14 days if they:

- Have any COVID-19 symptoms
- Have recently returned to Canada
- Have recently come in contact with someone with COVID-19





# Communicate what to expect when tenants arrive at the property



#### **Building operations**

What's new What's changed Upcoming changes



#### Cleaning

Changes in cleaning schedules (day/night) Frequency Areas



#### Social distancing

Elevator capacity Staircases Lobby and common areas Restrooms



#### Signage

Where will it be

How you will accommodate visually impaired people





# Signage to consider



- Building status (open / closed)
- Closed entrances / doors
- Visitors
- Screening signage
- Educational posters
- Expected behaviour (masks, etc.)
- Self-sanitation
- Cleaning

- PPE disposal
- Building operating hours & amenities
- Closed areas
- Social distancing : floor decals, lineups, number of people in elevators
- Bathroom stalls



# Question & Answer Please use the Q/A box functionality on the webinar



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